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Volunteers Out In Force For Town Clean-Up



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB, in conjunction with the Agawam Planning Department, again sponsored the Annual Townwide Cleanup on Saturday, May 7th. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson pitched in to assist at Robinson Park School with Sue Godfrey, Joyce Bressemer-Granger, and Town Planner Deborah Dachos. **PHOTO BELOW**, cleaning up the grounds of Agawam High School are Kristen, Cindy, and Michael Ott; and Robin and Laura Paul. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Campbell New Police Chief

Agawam Police Captain Robert D. Campbell has been named by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson as the town's new chief of police.

Campbell is succeeding long-time Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski, who officially retired on April 4th but left the post in March. Johnson has been serving as acting police chief for the past several months.

Campbell, 42, has served as one of two captains on the department since Johnson appointed him to that post in 1993. He previously served as a sergeant from 1983 to 1987, and then was promoted to lieutenant in 1987. He became a patrolman for the APD in March 1973.

As captain, Campbell was in charge of the Detective Bureau and Records Division. He has been the lead investigator in the Lisa Ziegert murder case.

A lifelong Agawam resident, Campbell is a graduate of Agawam High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement from Western New England College. He received a master's of science degree in Criminal Justice from American International College.

Campbell has served on the faculty of Westfield State College, Springfield Technical Community College, and the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, teaching many different courses in law enforcement.

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At Recognition Breakfast...

Agawam Teachers Receive Kudos

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam's teachers and administrators recently gathered in the Agawam High School cafeteria to enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast and to relax and enjoy the rare opportunity to socialize with their colleagues from other schools before taking their places in the town's classrooms.

Sponsored by the Agawam Community Resources Sub-Committee of the Curriculum Review Committee, and by the Agawam Chapter of UNICO, the event (which everyone agreed should become an annual gathering) honored those who touch the lives of children. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson read a proclamation urging the town's citizens "to remember and honor those who give the gift of knowledge through teaching."

Johnson said it was the first time the teachers received a show of community support for their efforts in educating the children of Agawam. "They're the heart of the system and it seems that you never can say thank you enough," Johnson said.

Each teacher also received a "Special Teacher" Pin (shaped like an apple) from State Senator Linda J. Melconian and State Representative Michael P. Walsh acknowledging that "no other profession touches so many persons with such lasting effect."

Calling teachers "the foundations of society" and "stalwarts of strength" for the young people in their care, Senator Melconian said, "We need to honor our teachers and recognize them for the work they do. I think all communities should do this and I will suggest it to my other communities."

SEE RECOGNITION - Education Section...

Town Of Agawam Memorial Day Observance Schedule

Saturday, May 21st

9:00 a.m.: Veterans graves will be flagged. Meet at Center Cemetery (Main St.) and Springfield Street Cemetery (across from Sacred Heart Church).

Sunday, May 29th

10:30 a.m.: Agawam Congregational Church will host services for Veterans' Sunday. All are welcome.

**Memorial Day
Monday, May 30th
Ceremonies**

8:00 a.m.: World War I Memorial -located directly in front of American Legion, Post 185.

8:30 a.m.: Springfield Street Cemetery, across from Sacred Heart Church.

9:00 a.m.: Agawam Center Cemetery, across from St. John's Church.

10:00 a.m.: Parade. Assembly point will be Southworth Paper Company. **Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m.** for a one-mile march down Main Street to Veterans Green.

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Hazardous Waste Collection June 11

The Town of Agawam announces that Saturday, June 11th, 1994 has been designated as Agawam's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

The collection will take place in the parking lot of Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Only town residents are able to participate in this collection, and proof of residency will be required.

WHAT TO BRING

Household hazardous waste no longer needed; five gallons or 50 pounds maximum per household; preferably items kept in original sealed containers.

For example:

- Oil-based marine or lead paints and strippers.
- Paint thinner, solvents, stains and varnishes.
- Solvent adhesives.
- Lighter fluid.
- Waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline).
- Antifreeze, engine degreaser.
- Carburetor cleaner, brake fluid.
- Transmission fluid, car wax.
- Poisons, insecticides.
- Weed killers, mothballs.
- Wood preservatives.
- "No Pest" strips, flea powder.
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies.
- Rubber cement, airplane glue.
- Fiberglass resins.
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets.
- Cleaning supplies.
- Furniture, floor and metal polishes.
- Oven, toilet bowl and drain cleaners.
- Rug and upholstery cleaners.
- Spot removers.
- Dry cleaning solvents.
- Septic tank degreasers.
- Swimming pool chemicals.
- Dry cell batteries.

- Aerosol cans.

HOW CAN I BE SAFE IN TRANSPORTING MATERIALS?

Tighten caps and lids, leaving materials in original labeled containers.

- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.

- Sort and pack separately: paint and pesticides; household cleaners.

- Avoid spills and do not place in a garbage bag.

- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.

• Pack your car and drive directly to the site. NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.

- Stay in your car. You will be given specific instructions at the site.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Latex paint.
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives.
- Radioactive wastes.
- Infectious & biological wastes.
- Prescription medicines/syringes.
- Penta brand wood preservatives.
- Smoke detectors.
- Asbestos.
- Commercial or industrial waste.
- Tires.
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WILL SOME MATERIALS BE REFUSED?

We have listed materials that will not be accepted. We also reserve the right to refuse unidentified materials and large amounts of hazardous waste.

For used oil, bring to DPW Garage, 1347 Main Street, anytime Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., OR Saturday, June 11th, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400.

POLICE CHIEF - from Page 1...

Johnson said the town received over 25 applications from area law enforcement professionals for the chief's position. "The competition was very strong and the town is grateful for all the interest in the position."

Johnson said about Campbell, "I am confident

Bob will do an outstanding job as chief. I look forward to working with him in improving police service to the residents of Agawam. Bob is very bright and he knows the community and the department. I am confident that his combination of education, experience, and hands-on knowledge will be a great asset to the department."

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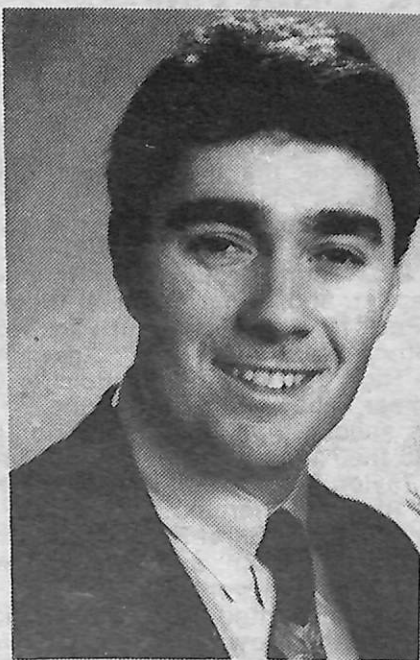
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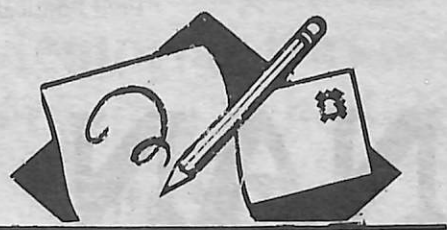
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Letters To The Editor

Ag. Historical Association Always Stays Very Busy

To The Editor:

On behalf of the officers and the board of directors of the Agawam Historical Association, we would like to thank all the members and supporters for another successful season. However, the activities of the Historical Association are far from over.

On Tuesday, May 31st, 1994, we will hold our annual end of the year banquet. This year, keeping in the tradition of Old New England, we will share a pot-luck supper at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. At the conclusion of the meal, there will be a short business meeting.

The guest speaker for the evening will be local historian John Manning, who will present a program on Presidential Memorabilia and Trivia. Also, the final plans for the June "Home and Garden Tour" will be announced.

The pot-luck supper is open to members of the Agawam Historical Association and all interested in gathering with a great group of people who have an interest in Agawam's past, present, and future. For further information on attending this meal, please call 786-5768.

Again, thank you for your support!

Helen Manning
Vice-President, Agawam Historical Association

Rep. Candidate Bitzas Elated Over Fundraiser

To The Editor:

Last week I expressed my thanks to all of the people who attended my fundraising reception at the Oaks Banquet House. I would like to thank my campaign staff for making my reception such a success.

I would also like to express my deepest thanks to all the people who were not available to come, but have sent in very generous donations. The response has been overwhelming. I would like to thank everyone who has asked for and are displaying my bumper stickers on their cars.

Thank you again for your support and if you have questions or you would like to help with the campaign, please call me or anyone on my campaign committee. We would be glad to have you aboard.

With your continued support and your vote, I feel we can be successful.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Vice-President, Agawam City Council
Candidate for State Representative

School Committee "Thumbs Noses At Parents"

To The Editor:

Your article on the front page of last week's paper (May 12th issue) should have read, "School Committee Thumbs Their Noses At Parents."

The vote last week by the School Committee is a direct attack on the family unit. For some reason, there is a resistance by the committee to have the parents' input on this matter. If you read the AIDS agenda that the committee voted on, you do not see anything that makes sense.

It is loaded with *Street Sex*, a perverted survey that does not tie into the rest of the curriculum and experimentation with our children. I cannot fathom the intent of this program since it does not have a success rate in preventing AIDS. Many communities have tried out this program and found it doesn't work.

Just look at the history of this program in New York City—a complete failure. After being present at some of the meetings with parents and the Superintendent, I feel that the parents were not told the truth in the beginning ... to get lost.

The parents should not stand for this. They should opt their children out and have the children attend an abstinence-based course while the perverted program is being taught. If more children are allowed to attend the abstinence-based course, the perverted program will lose its audience. This is up to the parents to back this 100% and talk to all parents who have children in the class.

For a School Committee to be anti-family is a disgrace to the school and the community. They act as though the parents should not have a say in this program. This committee should be asked to resign; they have failed in their positions.

It is time the parents hang out a sign: WANTED—strong ethical and moral individuals, love children, willing to work with parents, willing to take the Agawam School System to a higher common denominator, to be sensitive to the students and not treat them like cattle or animals, to instill in the students respect and love for one another, and a good overall curriculum that develops their talents well. You will be our School Committee since the old one is broke and cannot be fixed.

Let's put Agawam on a higher level where we can be proud of our School System once again.

Stu Smith
Agawam

UNICO Successful Again In "Lick-A-Pop" Campaign

To The Editor:

Agawam UNICO thanks *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the coverage of the recent Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive for the Mental Health and Scholarship Funds.

Thank-you's go out to the Agawam Waldbaum, Super Foodmart, Big Y, Dave's Pet Food & Soda City, Pignatare Texaco Station, and Feeding Hills Super Stop & Shop for their support. Also, thank-you's go out to both Agawam and Feeding Hills Post Offices.

Thank-you, people of Agawam and Feeding Hills, for your generosity which made this year's drive a great success. A special thanks to the people who mailed in donations and also to all the UNICO members who participated in the drive.

Sincerely,
Dennis A. Marchetto
Agawam UNICO Lick-A-Pop Drive Chairman

Junior Women's Club Has Fantastic Town Fair

To The Editor:

Saturday, May 14th was a fantastic day for the 1994 Agawam Town Fair and a lot of fun for all who attended. The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank the many groups and individuals that made this year's fair possible.

Thank you to the groups that sponsored this year's many game booths: **George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc.**; **Youth Groups from St. David's, Agawam Baptist, and Congregational Churches**; **Boy Scout Pack No. 82**; **Cub Scout Pack No. 78**; **Todd Zern from "Up With People"**; **Agawam 4-H Groups**; the **High School Football Booster Club**; and the **Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council**.

We owe a special thanks for the good sports who donated their time to sit in on our Dunking Booth: **Jim Taylor, Kirk Parker, Donald Gallerani, Bill Dillon, Richard Theroux, Lou Conte, and Coach Haag**. We thank **Sarat Ford** for sponsoring this year's Dunking Booth, and **Westfield Water Sports** for providing the wet suits.

Fairgoers were delighted by the appearance of **Peppermint Patti the Clown** this year and livened up by the music of **Tom Melbourne**. **Stearns & Yerrall Real Estate** gave each child a free balloon. We thank you all!

Also, a special thanks to **Mrs. Schilling's** art students, **Jen Clark, Jen Mangano, Jason Aloise, and Tara Melbourne**, who did a fantastic job at our face-painting booth.

We would also like to thank **Jack Kunasek** and his crew for all of their work in preparing the park and pitching in as always with whatever we needed.

We thank the following businesses for their contributions: **Riverside Park, Agawam Spirit Shoppe, Wes's Package Store, Rollaway, The Sand Trap, Friendly's, Peterjon's, Gail Stone, and McDonald's**.

It was wonderful to be a part of something that involved so many people throughout the town of Agawam. Thank you all so very much.

Sincerely,
Nancy Campi
Agawam Junior Women's Club,
Town Fair Committee

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, May 21st
Agawam Garden Club's
Annual Plant Sale
At Captain Charles Leonard
House, Main Street, Agawam
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Sunday, May 22nd
Youth Group "Open House"
At Sacred Heart Parish Center,
Springfield Street, Feeding Hills
1:30 p.m.
For more information, call 786-9835

Tuesday, May 24th
Greater Spfld. Knitting Guild
At The Yarn Shop, 360 N. Westfield St.
7:00 p.m.
Call 536-2273 for additional info

Tuesday, May 24th
Agawam Chapter of the
Mass. Citizens for Life
At Ag. Police Station Comm. Room
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

School Committees Antics
On Display At Meeting

To The Editor:

To The Agawam Community:

The antics of some members of the Agawam School Committee, if not so sad and sickening, would actually be amusing. Any of the 100 or so parents and taxpayers who attended the May 10th meeting can attest to that.

—Not five minutes after we were tongue-lashed by Teresa Kozloski for getting so "emotional" in opposition to the present AIDS curriculum, member Linda Galarneau (in a misguided emotional grandstand) read to us a heart-wrenching letter from the father of an AIDS victim.

—Mrs. Galarneau seemed to be thinking that we parents who have devoted many hours of our lives to educating the School Committee on abstinence-based curriculums and their educational/medical worth are somehow without compassion for AIDS victims. Au contraire, Mrs. Galarneau! AIDS and its devastatingly cruel disintegration of human life is precisely why we want our children educated correctly on how to avoid it. We can't afford big mistakes here. She just doesn't get it. Which brings me to another muse.

—Mrs. G. mentioned that for a year now she has been listening to all that we parents had to say. Really, Linda? Couldn't tell by your comments and voting. It gets worse.

—Mrs. Galarneau went on to further defy logic by somehow associating gender-specific sex education with being demeaning to women. Run that by me again? Teaching a young woman in an unintimidating situation that it is HER decision where and when to spend her virginity is empowering to women—hardly demeaning.

Let me tell you what is demeaning; a School Committee and Mayor who are willing to write teenagers off as equals with the rest of the animal kingdom—100% sexually motivated beings—unable to make a wise, rational, life-saving decision in the face of passion. Forgive us, but we have a lot more faith in young people than that. Intelligent, rational, clear-thinking, vibrant youth will not choose death over life if they are given ALL the facts.

FACT: The AIDS virus is smaller than the holes

in a latex condom and can easily pass through it during sex.

FACT: It is OK, even incredibly smart, to say NO to sex until marriage. Lots of people have done it.

FACT: Just because you hear it in school, doesn't mean it is true.

Bring back truth in education! Bring back Louise David, Susan Pettazzoni, and Scott Macey to our school board in two years. Each at least tried to work with concerned parents on this issue. We appreciate that.

Just to clarify what went on, here's what this way-out, radical, and "raucous" group of moms and dads asked for:

1) An abstinence-based curriculum ALTER-NATIVE, not replacement.

2) OPT-IN permission slips.

3) Parental input to program content and speakers.

They said, "No." No way. Nothing. Zero. Zip.

Other meeting highlights were as follows:

—Mayor Johnson admitted that when an athletic director, a superintendent, and a school board insist that a curriculum IS abstinence-based, it should probably at least MENTION abstinence as a choice.

—Parents were verbally assaulted by Teresa Kozloski, who implied that any parent whose child fails to bring home school papers 100% of the time needs to re-examine the quality of their parent-child relationship. Puh-leeze, Teresa!

—When Mrs. David sincerely tried to question the educational value of a finger-sticking, co-gender, condom demonstration, she was quickly shot down by Kozloski, Doering, and Galarneau.

—When asked how many committee members had actually read the entire AIDS curriculum, only two raised their hands. Incredible! Even more incredible was the suggestion made to me that those with their hands down simply refused to answer my question. Now they don't have to answer any parents' questions! NYET! (Russian for NO.)

—It is true that two parents lost their cool toward the end of the evening by shouting out of turn. Two reasons:

1) Total frustration at the elitist format of such a meeting which does not allow for committee members and their own constituents to re-direct comments to one another.

2) OUR children will be suffering the effects of this foolishness. OUR children.

This meeting was a class act. Sorry any of you voters missed it. YOUR tax dollars are at work in Agawam's schools.

We can all relax now. Johnny can't read, but he sure can handle a condom, can't he?

Sincerely,
Ruth & Robert Bushey
127 Roosevelt Avenue
Feeding Hills

Townwide Teachers' Breakfast
Great Effort By All

To The Editor:

The First Annual Townwide Teacher Appreciation Day Pancake Breakfast held on Friday, May 6th, at the Agawam High School was an overwhelming success. Months before the first stack of pancakes and sausage were served at 6:30 that morning, members of our community met and worked together to ensure that the educators of Agawam would be honored for their "commitment to excellence" and dedication to a profession that "touches so many persons with such a lasting effect."

I would like to thank those whose combined efforts made this special event possible:

Agawam Chapter of UNICO; Louis Russo; Ann Favreau; Russell Furtado, AHS Principal; the Agawam Community Resources Committee; Agawam Junior Women's Club; Richard Allen and H.P. Hood of Agawam; Ralph Figy and Vladimiro Orefice; AHS Future Teachers Club; Thomas Collins; and Ray Favreau.

Also, Joanne Krawczyk and Marcia Scherpa; AHS cafeteria staff; Carla Lemnah-Warner, AHS graphic arts; Dian Curran; Bernard Ryder, Superintendent of Schools; Mayor Christopher Johnson; Senator Linda Melconian; State Representative Michael Walsh; Agawam School Committee; Agawam Town Council; and Jack Devine, Kathy Cassanelli, Ric Sardella, and the rest of *The Agawam Advertiser News* staff.

Special thanks to Bernadette Conte, whose "energy" brought us all together.

While the hour may have been early, the message was clear:

It is with great pride that we honor the educators of our community. We recognize the important and challenging role you play in the lives of our children ... and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Susan M. Dempsey
Chairperson

Agawam Community Resources Committee

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LETTERS - from Page 5...

People Supporting Abstinence Are Not Ignorant "Ostriches"

To The Editor:

I am writing in regards to the front page article about the recent School Committee meeting in the May 12th edition of *The Agawam Advertiser-News*.

First, I do not feel the term "raucous" was the overall tone of the meeting. True, there were two people who disrupted the meeting, but I would hardly consider two people out of more than 100 a fair representation.

Secondly, if Agawam residents were angry, it was understandable. They had recently discovered that the word "abstinence" was not even mentioned in the current HIV/AIDS curriculum that was taught to their children. Contrary to what the press may portray, we are not part of an "ostrich syndrome." We DO want our children educated on the virus and the disease. But for the Agawam schools to use a curriculum that did not even offer abstinence as an option was unconscionable.

I wish to thank Mayor Christopher Johnson, Louise David, and Scott Macey for supporting changes in the current curriculum.

Thanks to all Agawam parents and citizens for your overwhelming show of support through signing letters, attending meetings (and sometimes speaking at them), spreading the word through friends and neighbors, etc. Do not be discouraged; this is not the end—it's merely the beginning.

Thank you to Kathy Cassanelli, who covered the issue for *The Agawam Advertiser-News*. Even though I do not always agree with her reporting of events, she is the ONLY reporter who has ever quoted me correctly.

Finally, I wish to thank my family for their love and support, particularly by husband Bob, without whose support and encouragement, I could never have committed the time and energy that I did to this issue.

Sincerely,
Denise Fitzgerald
Feeding Hills

School Committee Correct On Reaffirming AIDS Curriculum

To The Editor:

As a concerned parent, I attended the School Committee meeting of May 10th, 1994. My son is a junior at Agawam High and has taken the AIDS course that was being discussed.

Having talked to my son extensively, I learned that abstinence is taught in this course and mentioned frequently.

At this point, it must be stated that I think the School Committee made an acceptable decision to keep the curriculum even though I do believe they should have taken out the condom demonstration and instituted the gender separate classes.

Sitting at the meeting, a few things bothered me about the presentation of the parents:

1. Most of these parents do not have children in the high school, where the condom demonstrations are done.
2. Most of these parents are affiliated with one particular church in Agawam.
3. The lack of faith on the parents' part that the values and morals they have taught their children will hold up to outside pressure.

If the teachings at home are strong and lived out by the parents, this course will only educate our children, not create sexually immoral, promiscuous teenagers. In other words, don't tell them "Do as I say, not as I do," but lead them by example and they will follow.

If these parents are sincere about their beliefs, they need to stop the intimidation and antagonism. If they truly want change, it needs to be done slowly and with great consideration and respect on all sides.

As one of the signers of the petition this group had, I also must say that as far as I am concerned, they have drifted far from the goals that were expressed to me at the time I signed.

Ms. Linnea R. Roberts
Agawam

Abstinence Program Pushed By Informed, Involved Parents

To The Editor:

I would like to clear up any confusion regarding the citizens that have been active in the request for changes to the AIDS curriculum. We are not ill-advised or angry as we have been portrayed. We are involved, informed, and concerned.

First, I would like to introduce you to the citizens involved in the effort to modify, NOT eliminate, the AIDS curriculum. They are doctors, nurses, homemakers, lawyers, business owners, teachers, pastors, moms, dads, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, grandmothers, grandfathers, friends, etc...

Like everyone else, we want nothing but the very best that life can offer for our children. We are not ignorant on the seriousness of the AIDS epidemic. However, we DO NOT agree with the need for condom demonstrations or co-ed instruction. We DO want the school system to require parental approval (just like what is done if you want your child in a spelling bee at the Middle School), encourage parental involvement, and offer a real abstinence based course.

I would like to ask those who refer to us as suffering from the "ostrich syndrome" if they have read the current curriculum? We have spent countless hours researching statistics, reviewing alternative programs, meeting with school officials, attending workshops, and attempting to get a copy of Agawam's material.

Many of us work 60 hours per week, yet we have found the time to attend meetings (including taking time off from work to attend the afternoon meetings with Mr. Ryder) and become knowledgeable on the topic of AIDS. Mrs. Galarneau said that she has spent more time meeting with our group than any other group in her years on the School Committee. We have done anything but put our heads in the sand. We are considered misguided because we believe our kids can make the right choice—abstinence. If so, what does that say about those supporting the DARE program? Kids aren't going to drink and drive, right?

During the past several months and especially the last several weeks, the headlines have referred to us as angry or raucous parents. WOW! Apparently, when you are willing to speak up for what you believe in, you must be angry. Or, maybe I was at different meetings. I'd say that concerned and frustrated would be a more accurate description of our feelings.

Yes, at times we have been very frustrated and angry during this process. But this is not the overwhelming tone of our discussions. I believe that we have been very approachable and anxious to work with the school system. We have volunteered our time to assist where help might be needed. Doctors and nurses have been willing to present the medical facts. Parents have asked to participate in the selection of speakers and offered administrative assistance in tracking parental permission slips. The citizens that spoke over the past two School Committee meetings and at Mr. Ryder's meetings have been polite, articulate, informed, and reasonable, not angry.

I'd like to thank Louise R.C. David and Scott Macey for their willingness to request changes and risk not being "politically correct." To everyone that attended the meetings with Mr. Ryder and the School Committee, I'm proud to have worked with you and look forward to working together on the next steps. We must keep going until this issue is back into the hands of the parents, where it belongs.

Sincerely,
Larry White, Jr.
Feeding Hills

Spelling Bee For Jr. Women Another Big Success

To The Editor:

The Junior Women's Club would like to thank the following people for their help in making the Spelling Bee such a success.

Mr. Ryder, Superintendent of Schools, for allowing us to put on the Spelling Bee.

Paul Sutton, Meteorologist for Channel 40. This is Mr. Sutton's second year as the pronouncer of the Spelling Bee. We would like to thank Paul for doing a great job and for taking time out from his very busy schedule to be with us on May 6th. The members of the club also extend to him and his family our deepest sympathy on the passing of Mrs. Sutton.

We would also like to thank the following people for serving as judges at the 1994 Spelling Bee: Judy Clini, Librarian at the Agawam Public Library, serving her second year as Chief Judge; Roberta Doering, a member of the School Committee; and Tony Sibilia, Junior High School English teacher.

Without continuous support from the school, the parents, the club members, and the community, educational projects such as this would not be possible.

We thank you all.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club

Shrine Circus Once Again Big Event For Area

To The Editor:

Our 1994 Shrine Circus is history, and thanks to the support of so many people in our area communities, we had a successful year.

As Shriners, we greatly value our image in the community since we also live and work here. With that in mind, we take great pride in presenting an opportunity for families to share a great experience together each year at our Shrine Circus. We're proud to be citizens of this area. We're proud to be Shriners. We're proud of the quality circus we present each year.

Most importantly, we thank our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others in the community for helping us to continue to be active Shriners through your support of our Circus.

We'll see you again in 1995.

Sincerely,
Allen G. Zippin, P.P.
Circus Chairman

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LETTERS - from Page 6...

Agawam Taxpayers Should Be Wary Of Golf Course Spending

To The Editor:

We, the taxpayers, must be concerned with the complete neglect of Agawam's critical needs. A while ago I came before the Town Council with a plan that showed at least 45 areas of public and semi-public land in town.

These 45 areas consist of just under 3,500 acres of APR and 61A agriculturally reserved land, with Tuckahoe Turf Farm and the Agawam Country Club in Feeding Hills not included in this. These are Mayor Johnson's olympian sports parks.

The paradoxical statements by the Mayor recently took 10,411 words to get the council to accept buying the Agawam Country Club (this does not count the eight-page document that was approved by the council under an emergency measure, which was a questionable move by the council).

The Agawam Country Club cost the taxpayers about \$2 million with bonds costs. Plus, the council has appropriated another \$1 million - the council knows the numbers. The Mayor stated them to you. They are public record.

My prediction is the Agawam Country Club will never become a profit-making venture. Do not forget that the town lost over \$200,000 when it purchased the property. This does not include the \$40,000 per year we lose in property taxes. Now, add the town employees we are now paying to run and maintain the place.

Now the town is looking for another \$600,000 for a water system up there. Superintendent of Public Works Jack Stone makes it sound like the whole \$600,000 will be received from state grants. Why don't they tell the truth? These grants are fixed and the town always has to pick up a percentage of them. Maybe it will be half of the \$600,000; maybe it will be 25 percent. Whatever, it means more expenditures for the taxpayers.

The Agawam Country Club will not create normal income that other golf courses have. For instance, a banquet hall is or should be a major source of income from food, liquor, rent, and more. I am not being critical just to be a defeatist. The money needed to build a banquet hall up there and to staff it (as well as other the many other improvements needed up there) will eventually saddle taxpayers here with a lifetime of ter-

rible increases in taxes.

How much do members of the council think the taxpayers can stand? With all the tax dollars that have been spent and are being spent on the golf course (recreation), just to satisfy the Mayor's ego, our tax structure will grow out of proportion.

Wouldn't it have been nice if the council spent all that money and effort for capital needs, including a new fire station, DPW building, elementary schools, Agawam High School needs, possible new Town Hall, and expansion of the overcrowded Senior Center?

The Mayor, with the council's approval, has been raising money lately as though he was drawing it from his personal bank account. It becomes very irritating when councilors, just because they were suddenly elected to office, become all knowledgeable and experts about government operations.

Isn't it strange that every expenditure for programs lately are solely for pleasure (sports) and not one cent, one move or thought has been put forth for the benefit of all the people and taxpayers. Why the great olympian programs? That's what the Mayor sounds like when talking about the Agawam Country Club (and later, Tuckahoe Turf Farm).

As I said, Agawam now has 45 areas that are, or could be, neighborhood parks with supervised recreation. The 45 areas are strategically located all over town. But it appears the Town Council and Mayor want to create monuments for their egos.

Sincerely,
Valentine R. Moreno
Agawam

Friends Of Senior Center Happy About Memberships

To The Editor:

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center wish to thank all those who have renewed their 1994 memberships and those who have rejoined or become new members. We welcome the heartfelt support from across our community which enables us to help enrich the lives of Agawam's seniors.

We gratefully acknowledge the following local businesses which have become corporate sponsors of Friends of the Agawam Senior Center:

Century 21 Heritage; Chez Josef, Inc.; Commercial Scale Co., Inc.; Country Squire Furniture; Crestview Country Club; Curran-Jones Funeral Home; Brian L. David, CPA; Dayga Printing; Dean Transmission Parts; Dee Service; E.B.'s

Vermes, Mary Manning, Joanne Willis, Rosemary Sandlin, Louise Fuller, and Mary McLaughlin. Elected to serve as alternates are Rudy Altobelli and Richard Theroux.

Delegates from across the Commonwealth will convene at the Worcester Centrum on June 3rd and 4th to nominate Democratic candidates for statewide offices.

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Friends of the Agawam Senior Center

Rep. Neal Has Conflict On Vote About Assault Weapons

To The Editor:

It seems to me that Representative Richard Neal has a serious CONFLICT OF INTEREST on his vote pertaining to the "ASSAULT WEAPONS" ban.

This is a liberal, media-induced problem that will not be solved by this "SYMBOLIC," knee jerk, feel good legislation. This legislation will not effect criminals, just our law abiding citizens. READ IT! Neal voted in the "POLITICALLY CORRECT" manner on this issue.

I question how RICHARD NEAL can vote for a bill sponsored by HANDGUN CONTROL, Inc., whose stated purpose is to make the private ownership of all firearms totally illegal, when he accepts monies from them every year.

This country has a multitude of problems concerning crime and violence, none of which that will be solved by turning our citizens into paper criminals. Most of these problems have been either caused or accelerated by the policies followed by the liberal politicians who have been in control of the Congress for the past 40 years.

The biggest problem in these concerns is the unwillingness or the inability of the liberal dominated Congress to correctly identify the problem and come up with a rational solution that targets criminals, not citizens. We must have solutions that are right, not "POLITICALLY CORRECT."

If Richard Neal is incapable of knowing right and is willing to SELL his VOTE and our RIGHTS to the HIGHEST BIDDER, it is time to remove him from office.

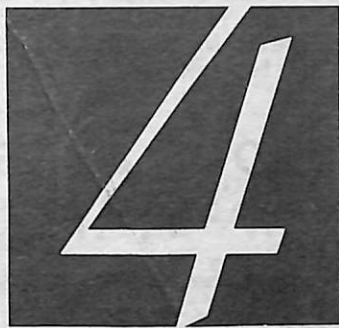
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Agawam Democrats Gearing Up For State Convention At Worcester Centrum

With only a few weeks to go until the State Democratic Convention, delegates to the convention are being actively courted by candidates for statewide offices.

At their February caucus, Agawam Democrats nominated and elected the following delegates: Douglas Bodman, Scott Letendre, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Edward Caba, James Willis, Ronald Hebert, Thomas Ennis, Barbara Dunn, Meanette



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Agawam Obituaries

Mary A. O'Connor

Mary A. (Reynolds) O'Connor, 86, of 1018 River Road, Agawam, a retired employee at the former Donald Levy's store, died at home.

She retired in 1978. Previously, she was employed by the former Stuart's and also by the former Haynes store.

Born in Riverhead Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, Canada, she had lived in Agawam since 1942. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of its Over 60 Club.

She was a member of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam, the Golden Agers Chapter 2, and the American Association for Retired Persons.

She leaves her husband of 63 years, Walter J. O'Connor; two daughters, Irene M. Geoffrion Adams of St. Louis, Mo., and Joan B. Martel of Agawam; two brothers, Reginald of Scotland and Gerard of Canada; three sisters, Hilda Fitzpatrick, Stella Hurdle, and Anita Fox, all of Newfoundland; and 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Pioneer Valley, Box 51946, Springfield, MA 01151, or to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Dorothy L. Klett

Dorothy L. (Beauregard) Klett, 76, of 99 Campbell Drive, Agawam, a retired 20-year baker for Frank's Bakery in Springfield, died at home.

She was born in Easthampton and was graduated from Commerce High School. She lived in Agawam since 1965.

She was a member of the Springfield Turnverein, the Springfield Women's Glee Club, and the Springfield Black Birds. She was also a volunteer for local Cancer and Heart Associations and participated in the Turner sports teams programs.

She leaves her husband of 57 years, Helmut "Dutch" Klett; three sons, Robert C. of West Springfield, Richard W. of Chicopee, and Kenneth A. of Southington, Connecticut; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was held Thursday morning, May 19th, at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Winifred M. Most

Winifred M. (Sands) Most, 84, of 28 Oxford Place, West Springfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

She lived in West Springfield most of her life. She was a member of the First Congregational Church and its Women's Guild. She also taught Sunday School for many years.

She was a member of the former Rebekah Lodge in West Springfield.

Her husband, Clarence O. Most, died in 1979.

She leaves three sons, Clarence O. Jr. of Agawam, Everett C. Huntington, and Peter E. of Holyoke; three daughters, Lorraine Yelinek of Agawam, Norma Henault of Webster, and Pauline Most of West Springfield; three brothers, Hubert "Hub" of Springfield, Raoul of Agawam, and David of San Diego, California; a sister, Gladys Fappiano of Feeding Hills; 31 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with burial in Thompsonville Cemetery in Enfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 51946, Springfield, MA 01151-5946.

Leon W. Wright

Leon W. Wright, 71, of 20 Sunnyslope Avenue, Agawam, a retired employee of David Plourde Inc. in Longmeadow, died in Oakley, Kansas. He retired in 1990.

Born in West Springfield, he was a long-time area resident. He was an Army Air Force pilot during World War II, and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone.

He belonged to the Mount Orthodox Masonic Lodge in West Springfield, and was a long-time member of the Springfield Ski Club. He was a 25-year instructor at the Blandford Ski Resort, and also was a ski patrol leader there.

He leaves his wife, the former Lois Roberts; a son, Steven of Westfield; a daughter, Judith Parman of Richmond, Rhode Island; a stepson, Richard Lathrop of Hastings, New York; a sister, Gladys Bradley of Cape Coral, Florida; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at the First Congregational Church in Westfield. Kisters Funeral Home of Oakley was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Fernande Demers

Fernande (Belanger) Demers, 75, of 24 Dwight Street, Agawam, a retired seamstress for the former William Carter Co., died in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Rock Forest, Quebec, Canada, she moved to Springfield in 1956, and then to West Springfield in 1983. She had lived in Agawam since 1993.

She was a communicant of St. Theresa Church.

She leaves her husband, Evol T. Demers; a son, Claude of Easthampton; two daughters, Lise Case of Agawam, and Nicole Demers of Chicopee; five sisters, Gilberte Fontaine of Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, Rolande Belanger, Claire Belanger, Simone Demers, and Pauline Emond, all of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada; four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held in St. Pierre Springfield Funeral Chapels, and in the church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery in Chicopee. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Daniel J. Wagner

Daniel J. Wagner, 33, of 105 Granger Drive, Feeding Hills, died on Monday at home. He was a mason in Provincetown.

He was born in Landstuhl, Germany, and lived here most of his life. He moved to Provincetown six years ago.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. He leaves his parents, John R. & Dolores (Berard) Wagner of Feeding Hills; three brothers, John R. Jr. of Feeding Hills, Michael J. of Asburnham, and James R. of Northboro; his maternal grandfather, Raymond L. Berard of Springfield; his fiancée, Eileen Barrett of Provincetown; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral, on Friday morning, May 20th, was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Red Cross, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield, 01104.

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Doris L. Hastings

Doris L. (Colson) Hastings, 84, of 2 Colonial Avenue, Agawam, a 20-year clerk in the records department of the former Forbes & Wallace Department Store, died in Baystate Medical Center.

She previously worked at the former Albert Steiger Co. and the Woolen Mill in Agawam. She retired in 1973.

Born in Northampton, she attended schools there and moved to Agawam in 1931. She enjoyed bird watching.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, Judson W. Hastings; two sons, Judson W. Jr. of Amherst and Donald E. of Monroe, Connecticut; a sister, Beatrice Tebo of Springfield; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Massachusetts Eye Research, in care of the Agawam Lions Club, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Anna Withee

Anna (Morris) Withee, 64, of 253 Rowley Street, Agawam, a former billing clerk for New England Telephone Co., died in Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Agawam, she was a lifelong resident and was a graduate of Agawam High School. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. She was a member of the Assist Group at Weldon Center.

She leaves her husband, George C. Withee; a son, Mark C. of Agawam; a daughter, Marie A. Sticco of Agawam; a brother, Herbert Morris of Agawam; four sisters, Mary Morris, Rose Haynes, Elizabeth Morse, and Dorothy Morris, all of Agawam; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern States Exposition Scholarship Fund, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089, or to the Assist Group, Weldon Center-Mercy Hospital, 233 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Robert C. Hutchinson

Robert C. Hutchinson, 54, of 33 Norman Terrace, Agawam, a 20-year fork lift operator for Springfield Sugar Co., died at Western Massachusetts Hospital.

Born in Springfield, he was a longtime resident of Agawam. He was a member of Teamsters Local Union 559.

He leaves three daughters, Tina M. Jacques of Huntington, Lisa A. Hutchinson of Michigan, and Amy Hutchinson of Eric, Pennsylvania; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Southwick Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Massachusetts Division, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

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MAY 22nd - HOUSING AUTHORITY CONCLUDES TALKS ON MCGOVERN LAND

The Housing Authority Monday concluded negotiation with John McGovern for his property located off Haskell Street for an elderly housing project.

The Housing Authority will pay \$39,500 for the land, \$5,500 less than the state appraisal of the property.

The property is zoned Residence A-4. This zoning allows for multiple dwellings for special use.

MAY 23rd - INFLATION HITS SCHOOL, CAFETERIA PRICES GO UP

The School Committee has voted to increase various prices on the school lunch menu because of rising food costs.

The cost of teachers' lunches will increase from 50 cents to 60 cents. Student lunches will remain the same, but the student desserts and sandwiches will increase from 10 cents to 15 cents.

A recent visit from the state auditor resulted in the Agawam School System being chosen as a model throughout the state for their menus and participation in the school lunch program. Some 71 percent of school children across the state participate in school lunch programs, but a full 75 percent participate locally.

MAY 23rd - TOWN'S PLAYGROUNDS TO OPEN JULY 2nd

The town's 10 playgrounds will open for the eight-week summer program July 2nd at 9:00 a.m. The playgrounds will close August 24th.

The 10 playgrounds are located at the High School, Peirce School, Shea's Field, Danahy School, Middle School, Phelps School, Meadowbrook Park, Borgatti Park, Clark School, and Granger School.

MAY 30th - TOWN POLICEMEN SEEK BAN ON NEW APPOINTMENTS

A provisional police officer was expected today to seek an injunction against Town Manager James D. Westman today in Hampden County Superior Court to restrain the manager from appointing permanent patrolmen from a controversial Civil Service list of eligibles.

Norman Nardi, named a provisional patrolman last November, said he feels Westman should delay acting on a list until other communities have taken the first step.

Westman said he feels he must comply with Civil Service directives. "It's easy for others to tell you to break the law," he said, "but I'm the one who would have to do it."

The Civil Service list received by Westman contains six names, none of them from Agawam. The list came with a directive to release the four provisionally-appointed officers within 30 days and make replacements from the list within two weeks. Westman said he will seek an extension of time, however.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of KAREN M. SARAT, who is seeking relief from Sections 180-33, 180-34 and 180-35 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of two separate lots, at the premises identified as 83-85 MOORE STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert
Chairman

Published: May 19, 1994

New Analyst On Senator Melconian's Staff

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announces that she has welcomed Michael Baldino to the staff of her Boston office as the policy analyst for the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, chaired by Senator Melconian. The Senate Committee on Science and Technology held five hearings during 1993 and issued a report, "Meeting the Baystate Challenge," containing legislative recommendations and an analysis of long-range policy questions regarding emerging technologies.

As the policy analyst, Baldino will conduct research and draft legislation and reports for the committee. He will focus on issues pertaining to economic development of emerging technology industries such as high-speed ground transportation (MAGLEV), biotechnology, telecommunications, marine science, and environmental technology.

In addition, Baldino will assist the Senator as the communications director. "I am excited to contribute to the direction this relatively new

committee will take. My background in state government and legal training should be helpful as I tackle the intricate web of concerns facing emerging technology firms in Massachusetts," stated Baldino.

Baldino, an attorney, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the State University of New York at Albany in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. After graduation, he spent two years as the legislative coordinator for New York State Assemblyman Howard Lasher. Baldino then entered Boston University School of Law, where he graduated in 1993.

Senator Melconian said, "Michael's enthusiasm, intelligence, and commitment to public service make him a welcome addition to my team. The Senate Committee on Science and Technology is Massachusetts' future. Michael's grasp of technological issues will help the committee formulate public policy initiatives to give Massachusetts a competitive edge in the 21st century."

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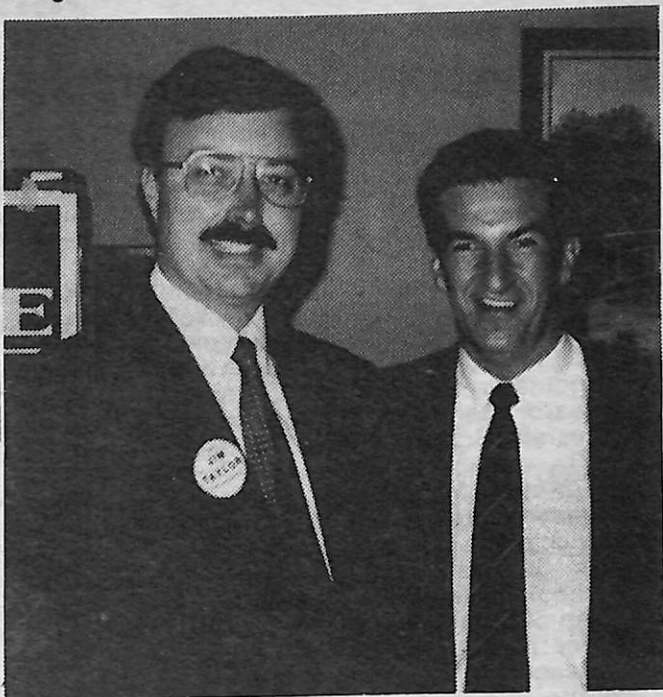
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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT James Taylor (R), candidate for State Rep., chats with State Treasurer Joseph Malone (R).

Treasurer Malone Agrees With Taylor On State Lottery

Agawam City Council President and State Representative candidate James D. Taylor met recently with State Treasurer Joseph Malone. Malone agreed with Taylor that the state lottery should be uncapped so that monies can be sent back to the cities and towns. Malone's office oversees the lottery.

"These funds were promised to the cities and towns when the lottery was started some 20 years ago, and the state has not kept its promise," Taylor said.

Currently, new growth in lottery monies is used in other parts of the state budget. Last week, the House of Representatives approved the fiscal year 1994 budget, with \$40 million in new lottery money to communities.

"This is a step in the right direction," said Taylor, "but the lottery is projected to grow by \$60 million next year." He added that even with the additional appropriation for FY95, 30% of the lottery monies are still being diverted to the state. "That amounts to approximately \$200 million a year the cities and towns aren't getting," stated Taylor.

An amendment to the budget that would remove the cap over the next five years was amended in the house to require future legislatures to authorize each step of the removal. Taylor said that these monies from the lottery should be helping cities and towns to provide important services like public safety, senior services, and other local needs instead of being diverted by the state.

"The lottery was designed to help keep local property taxes down," he stated. "As a State Legislator, I would continue to fight for that goal."

World War II Vet Priscilla Peterson To Lay Wreath May 30th

As part of Agawam's WW II 50th Anniversary commemorative year, the Agawam Veterans' Council has invited Priscilla D. Peterson of 51 Monroe St. and her twin sister, Isabel E. Demmon, to place this year's Memorial Wreath as part of ceremonies planned for Memorial Day, May 30th.

Both Priscilla and Isabel are WW II veterans. Priscilla served during WW II from March 16th, 1944 to May 24th, 1946. She had Boot training and Storekeepers' School in Palm Beach, Florida. She was stationed at Constitution Base, Boston. This enabled her to be near her parents in Fitchburg as the other three children in the family were overseas, her twin sister, Isabel, a nurse in India; a sister, Arlene, a lab tech in the WAVES in Hawaii and a brother, Philip, a mechanic with the Air Force in Saipan.

Isabel, a 1940 graduate of the Burbank Hospital School of Nursing, Fitchburg, MA, is a veteran of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. First Lieutenant Demmon served in the China-Burma-India Theater of War from March 1943 to June 1945. Following discharge from the Army she did nursing in the Veterans Administration until a service-connected disability caused two lengthy hospitalizations.

Following her graduation from the Boston University School of Nursing, she was named Assistant Chief of Nursing Service at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire. A book-length account of her experiences as an Army Nurse in India now resides in the Special Collections, Nursing Archives, Mugar Memorial Library of Boston University. Miss Demmon resides at 147 Boutelle St., Fitchburg, MA.

Priscilla explained that, "Patriotism was instilled in us early by our father who hurried us down to the cemetery on Memorial Day when he heard the bands announcing the approaching Veterans coming to honor the dead. Our elementary school was next to the cemetery and we school children put geraniums on the graves of veterans."

Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas adds that, "Priscilla is there each year helping us to place flags on all of the graves of Agawam veterans, and marches in the Town Memorial Parade each year."

Agawam has been designated as a "50th Anniversary Commemorative Community" by the Department of Defense. Let's join together as a community on Memorial Day to honor all World War II veterans and all veterans living and dead who served us so honorably and preserved for us our precious freedoms.

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AGAWAM RESIDENT PRISCILLA PETERSON (right) and her twin sister, Isabel E. Demmon, will be participating in the town's Memorial Day ceremony on May 30th.

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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Edward P. Borgatti, d/b/a E.B.'s Specialty Chicken, 385 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, MA has applied for a Transfer of License. Building consisting of: Foyer with 4 tables, 2 front entrances and exits facing north and south; counter in foyer area, dining room with 14 tables, 1 ladies' and 1 men's handicap restroom, and 1 employee restroom; 1 rear exit, 1 kitchen area and 2 offices on second floor above kitchen. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 1994, Agawam Police Headquarters, Faolin Peirce Room, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Council OKs \$55,000 For Draghetti Case

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its May 16th meeting, Town Council voted to transfer \$55,000 from the reserve fund to settle the lawsuit won by Police Officer Steven Draghetti against retired Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski for libel and contract interference.

A 1991 decision in Hampden County Superior Court found the town liable for the police chief's actions in sending a letter in 1987 to the director of the police academy. The letter stated that (part-time instructor) Draghetti had a conflict in scheduling between his responsibilities as a member of the Agawam Police Department and his teaching schedule at the academy.

Additionally, Chmielewski was found at fault for remarks made to the media which inferred that he had information that Draghetti intended to teach at the academy while on duty for the Town of Agawam.

The town appealed the case and lost in January, with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's finding upholding the lower court decision.

As a result of the Supreme Court's decision, the town was forced to fund the \$55,000 it was short in settling the \$125,000 settlement awarded to Draghetti. The town's insurance carrier anted up its share of \$64,000, and the \$6,000 set aside by the Mayor to settle the case left the town \$55,000 short of its obligation.

At Monday night's Town Council meeting, Councilor Walter Balboni left his place on the stage to absent himself from the vote on the advice of counsel due to a possible conflict of interest. Councilor Robert Danie abstained from the vote, also citing a conflict of interest.

The final tally on the vote was one absent, one abstained, seven in favor, and two opposed. Councilors Gary Suffriti and Jill Simpson voted against the transfer.

Under questioning about possible lost opportunities to settle the case out-of-court by Councilor Suffriti, Town Solicitor Thomas Locke said any settlement offer had to be approved by Chmielewski (rather than by the town) because it was the chief who was named in the lawsuit.

Town Employees Entitled To Indemnification

Locke further said the taxpayers were required to foot the bill for a town employee who commits wrongful acts "done within the scope of their employment," because town employees are entitled to indemnification under state law and the town's charter.

After the meeting, Suffriti told *The AAN* he voted against the transfer "because it was my understanding that the mayor was unwilling to settle the case. It was an unnecessary cost to the taxpayers and could have been settled at no cost to the town."

Councilor David Skolnick urged the council to approve the transfer, saying, "The town of Agawam must pay the \$55,000. We must abide by the law. It's a sorry thing. Let's just pay it."

Agawam Police Patrolman Ronald Brown addressed the council during Citizen Speak Time to protest the transfer of funds to settle the suit.

Brown told the council, "I've known and watched the antics of Chief Chmielewski for 24 years. I've watched four cash settlements awarded to individuals for what is termed the worst case of 'open mouth and insert foot' disease I've ever known."

Brown went on to chronicle three cases of settlements of undisclosed amounts of money allegedly due to the actions of Chmielewski dating from the early 1970's.

Brown told the council he intends to gather the required number of signatures to put the council's transfer of \$55,000 to pay the bill before the voters as a binding referendum question on the ballot in November 1994.

However, Locke, when answering questions before the council, specifically cited state and town law which legally gave the council the ability to approve the expenditure.

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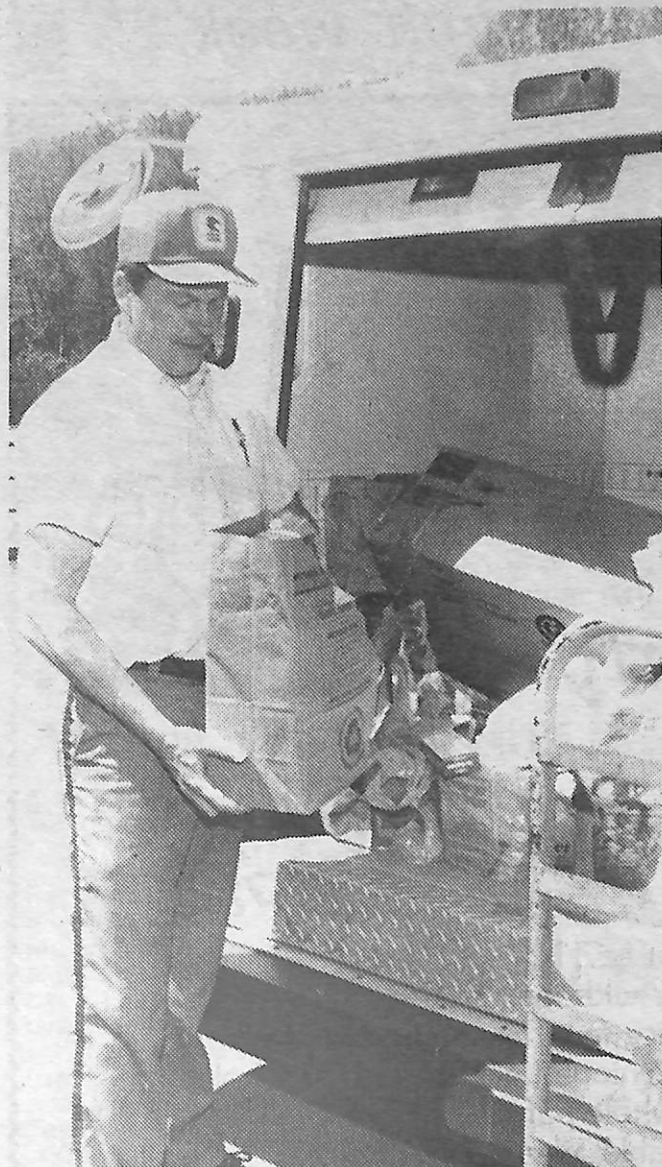
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Agawam Post Office Helps Open Pantry



AGAWAM LETTER CARRIER Bob Murphy removes food collected from townspeople from his truck last Saturday during the townwide collection for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE FOOD WAS PILING UP at the Agawam Post Office last Saturday during a townwide collection for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry. Pictured are Paul MacDonald, Francine Lopes, Mike Thomason, and Tom Walz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Daniel Karakla Gets Medical Certification From U.S. Navy

Lieutenant Commander Daniel W. Karakla, MC, USN, has recently received notice of his certification as an otolaryngologist (ENT) from the National Board of Certification.

Dr. Karakla has successfully fulfilled all requirements in this field of medical practice. He has been affiliated at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, as a staff/ENT surgeon.

Also, he has been accepted as a fellow at the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana, and he will start his year of fellowship training as a reconstructive, reparative surgeon in the head and neck department at that hospital on July 1st, 1994.

Dr. Karakla and his wife, Danette (Tarby), and their two children, Andrew and Natalie, plan to reside in Indianapolis for the coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karakla of South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, are the parents of Dr. Karakla.

Boy Scout Troop 82 Slates Blood Drive For Sat., May 21st

A blood drive, sponsored by the members of Boy Scout Troop 82, will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Bodurtha Hall of the Agawam First Baptist Church, Main Street.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will also be taken. To schedule a time to give blood, call Colleen Dupee, 786-1345; Pat Moore, 786-9514; or the American Red Cross, 737-4306.

Mass. Citizens For Life To Meet In Agawam

The Agawam Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m., at Agawam Police Station Community Room.

All are welcome. For more information, please call 789-4117.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 23rd: Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, oatmeal bread, applesauce with raisins.

Tuesday, May 24th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, zucchini, oatmeal bread, pear.

Wednesday, May 25th: Beef potpie (beef, potatoes, celery, peas, carrots), tossed salad, whole wheat bread, baked custard.

Thursday, May 26th: Golden carrot soup, turkey sandwich, cranberry relish, cherry cobbler.

Friday, May 27th: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, prunes.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Artisans Sought For Polish Club Craft Fair

Applications are now available for the Annual Polish American Auxiliary Craft Fair. The organization's main scholarship fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 15th at the club's pavilion, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spaces are available at \$20 each and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis according to the rules and regulations on the application.

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Agawam Garden Club To Sponsor Annual Plant Sale May 21st

The annual plant sale sponsored by the Agawam Garden Club will take place on Saturday, May 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Perennials, annuals, geraniums, herbs, house plants, and cemetery pots will be for sale. Members, remember to label your plants!

The plant sale will be held rain or shine, and proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund.

For further information, contact Denise Carmody, president, at 786-7783.

Commodities To Be Distributed May 26th

Commodities will be distributed in Agawam on Thursday, May 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Agawam Zip Code will pick up at the Senior Center; Feeding Hills Zip Code will pick up at Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Bring your old card with you to help expedite signing in and getting your new card. Anyone who does not have a card, or is not registered, must come to the Senior Center for the first time with positive proof of income and residency.

Food allocations are based on the number of households served each quarter, available inventory, and expected shipments. **Some items are available in small amounts and may not be enough for an entire distribution.**



ASHLEY BOETTCHER, 6, of Agawam.

Boettcher Girls Hired By New York Agency For Modeling Jobs

For most sisters sharing the same interests can become a problem, but not for the Boettcher girls.

Ashley, age six, and Aimee, age four, enjoy many of the same things like being part of the AWANA CLUB, taking dance lessons, and helping mom and brother Jeremy deliver the morning paper route. But now, they have one more thing in common that makes them a little bit unusual from your average child—they want to become stars!

Just recently, the girls took a trip to New York City with their mom and dad, Laurie and Paul Boettcher of Agawam, in search of an agent to represent them both in the Big Apple. The Gilla Roos Agency in New York City, New York, found these two to be very interesting.

After some "one on one" conversation with the girls, the representatives from the Gilla Roos decided that these sisters would share one more thing; they would be represented by one of the most prestigious agencies in the country. Gilla Roos handles talent for print, television, and film.

Ashley is studying acting at Models & More in Westfield, which represents her and her sister locally. Ashley is in the first grade and for now, homework is the only thing these two don't share.



AIMEE BOETTCHER, 4, of Agawam.

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MARY CIMAROLI of Feeding Hills.

Mary Cimaroli Feted For 75th Birthday

A celebration in honor of the 75th birthday of Mary Cimaroli of Feeding Hills was recently held at Alexander's Restaurant.

The gathering, hosted by her two children, Joanne Brown and Joe Cimaroli, was also attended by family members, including her four grandchildren, Rick and Melissa Brown, Terri Cimaroli, and Tracy (Cimaroli) Kapantais.

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano
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Another way that you can help is by having your street numbers posted so that they are visible. They should be at least three inches in height and reflective.

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For additional information, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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By order of the the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert
Chairman

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HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME Activity Director Nancy Edwards (center) assists residents Victoria Grochmal and Hattie Eno (right) with their container gardens during a recent activity period. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Council On Aging To Host Final Session Of Healthy Cooking & Eating

The Agawam Council on Aging will be hosting "Healthy Cooking and Eating," a nutritional program designed to educate residents on how to improve their health by better food purchasing, meal preparation, and eating habits.

There is one session remaining at the Agawam Senior Center on Tuesday, May 24th. Each session will last two hours, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A dietitian will give an overview of low fat/low cholesterol diets, and tips on shopping, reading the new labels, and dining out.

Peter Savenko, Manager of Food Production at Baystate Medical Center, and his staff will prepare an entire meal which all participants will have the opportunity to enjoy.

The menu will include Italian minestrone soup, tossed chef's salad, healthy lasagna, sesame bread sticks, and nut and fruity pudding. Participants will then enjoy the meal.

The program is made possible through a grant received from Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. and participation is free. Due to limited space, registration is required. Any town resident may join.

Residents may register by calling the Agawam Senior Center, 786-0400, ext. 242.

In addition, there will be four sessions at the Agawam Public Library on June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. These sessions will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and residents may call the library at 789-1550 to sign for one session.

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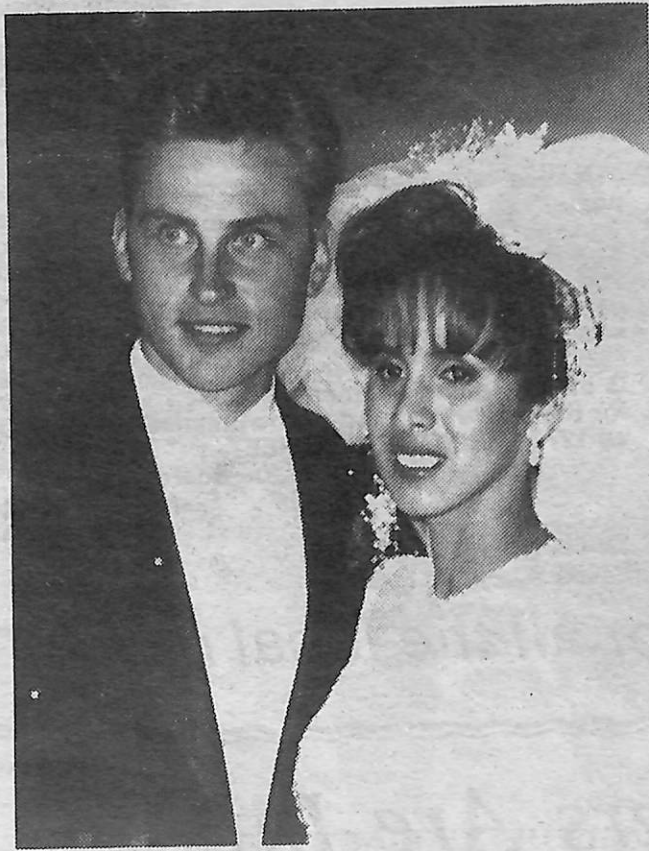
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Agawam AARP Receives Incorporation Charter



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Zamira I. Pereira Weds David A. Andry

Zamira Isabel Pereira and David Anthony Andry were united in matrimony on April 30th, 1994 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Miami, Florida.

The bride is the daughter of Carlos and Nora Pereira of Miami. The bridegroom is the son of Robert and Constance Andry of Agawam.

Serving as matron of honor was Blancelicia (Pereira) Doyle, and the best man was Richard Scott Berkee. The wedding reception was held at the Hyatt Regency in Coral Gables, Florida.

The bride is a graduate of Miami Dade Community College and presently attends Florida International University, majoring in clinical social work. She is employed by the Dade County Educational System and Grant Deering Hospital.

The bridegroom is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1993 graduate of Florida International University with a bachelor of science in occupational therapy. He is presently employed at Parkway Regional Medical Center and Grant Deering Hospital.

The couple will reside in Miami.



AGAWAM AARP Officers receive the Incorporation Charter from State Director Gladys Kozera. From left - Ollie Muldrew, treasurer; Rose Paro, secretary; Louis Miodowski, vice-president; Gladys Kozera, state director; Jessie Fuller, president; and Eleanor Richards, director.

Agawam AARP Holds Business Meeting

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter 4915 of AARP held its monthly meeting on April 25th at the Agawam Senior Center.

Gladys Kozera, State Director of Massachusetts, presented the National Charter to President Jessie Fuller. Ms. Kozera spoke of long term care and AARP's position on home care and prescription drugs.

Plans for day trips will be discussed at the next meeting and members may express their preference from the itinerary to be presented.

The Nominating Committee has selected the candidates for the 1994-1995 term of office. Election will be held at the May meeting.

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 23rd at the Agawam Senior Center. The new time will be 1:00 p.m. Please plan to attend to cast your vote for new officers.

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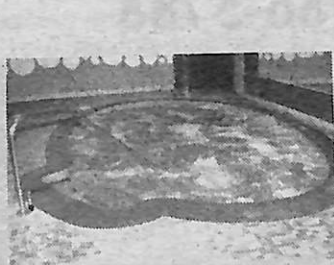
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AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS Ron Lalancette (left) and Dennis Marchetto are hoping townspeople will support the club's Monte Carlo Night on Friday, May 20th, at the Springfield Turnverein. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



1994 Massachusetts Senior Games Slated For June 17th-19th

The 1994 Massachusetts Senior Games will be held at Springfield College June 17th through 19th. This is a qualifying year for the 1995 Senior Sports Classic in San Antonio, Texas.

Billiards will be played at Snookers Billiards Club, Springfield; ten-pin bowling at Fairlanes, Chicopee; candlepin bowling at State Bowl, Springfield; golfing at Franconia Golf Course, Springfield; and lawn bowling, a road race, and shuffleboard will take place at Forest Park. All other events will be held on the grounds of Springfield College.

An Olympic "Fun Walk" will be held on June 17th. Participants in this walk will be invited to cheer for the Parade of Athletes at the spectacular Opening Ceremonies at 1:00 p.m.

All town seniors who are interested in getting into the state competitions are asked to contact ASGA President Desiree Jacobs at 786-5031 as soon as possible, as time is of the essence. We welcome all newcomers to ASGA!

Knitting Guild Plans To Meet May 24th

The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. at The Yarn Shop, 360 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

This month's meeting will feature a buttonholes in a knit on band demonstration.

All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome. For further information, contact Sally at 536-2273 or Martha at (203) 745-5870.

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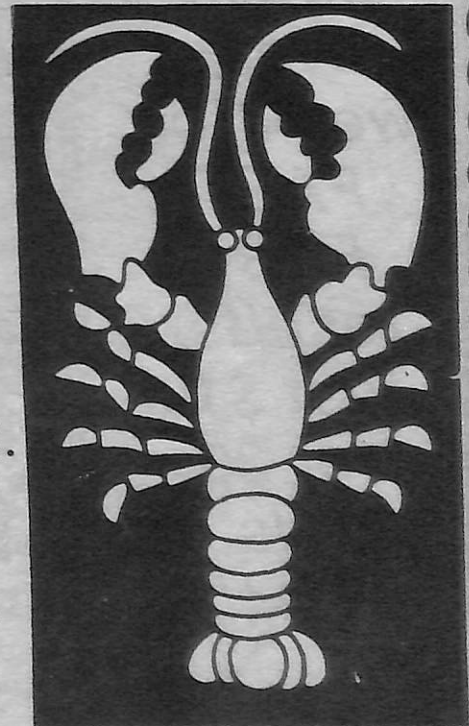
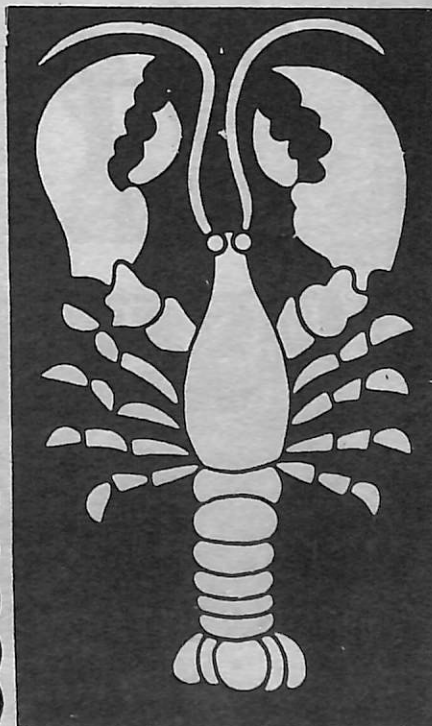
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Church News



AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH members and Russian Baptists work together to clean and beautify their church home on Elm Street.



KITCHEN CREW members prepare lunch for spring cleaners at the Agawam First Baptist Church. From left - Dorothy Major, Marjorie Greenough, and Jean Goss.

Spring Cleaning At First Baptist Church

Members of the First Baptist Church and the Russian Evangelical Baptist Church, who share their church facilities, spent this past Saturday in "spring cleaning" God's house.

From vacuuming pew cushions and polishing woodwork in the sanctuary, washing windows throughout the building, replacing stained ceiling tiles in the fellowship hall to trimming bushes, raking leaves, and sweeping up a winter's worth of salt and sand, the entire building and grounds were made to sparkle.

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First Baptist Youth To Present Worship On Sunday, May 22nd

The youth of the First Baptist Church will be presenting the worship service on Sunday, May 22nd.

Their service, entitled "The Continuing Mission," takes its theme from Christ's Great Commission "to go into all the world, preaching, teaching, and making disciples" and picks up from where their highly acclaimed "Secret Ambition" service left off.

Elements of the service will include a trial scene written by one of the youth, Dan Barber, which asks the question, "What Is A Christian?," a short play developed by another group member, Dave Dello Russo, showing the enormous impact that the ruling taking prayer out of the schools has had, and a dramatization of the song, "Don't Tell Them Jesus Loves Them 'Til Their Ready to Love Them Too," by contemporary Christian artist Steve Camp. Interspersed throughout the service will be readings developed by the youth and their leaders.

The service will be at 9:30 a.m. with a "talk-back" session following to give the congregation an opportunity to respond to the message and the messengers. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 760 Main Street.

Youth Group At Sacred Heart Church Plans Open House

You are invited to attend an open house sponsored by the Youth Group of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills on Sunday, May 22nd, at 1:30 p.m., in the Parish Center on Springfield Street.

Membership is open to all grade four through high school age students. It does not require that you belong to Sacred Heart Church.

If you enjoy having fun with friends and want something to do during the summer, please plan on attending. The Youth Group tries to provide a safe place for youth in their transitional years to grow, mess-up, and be accepted.

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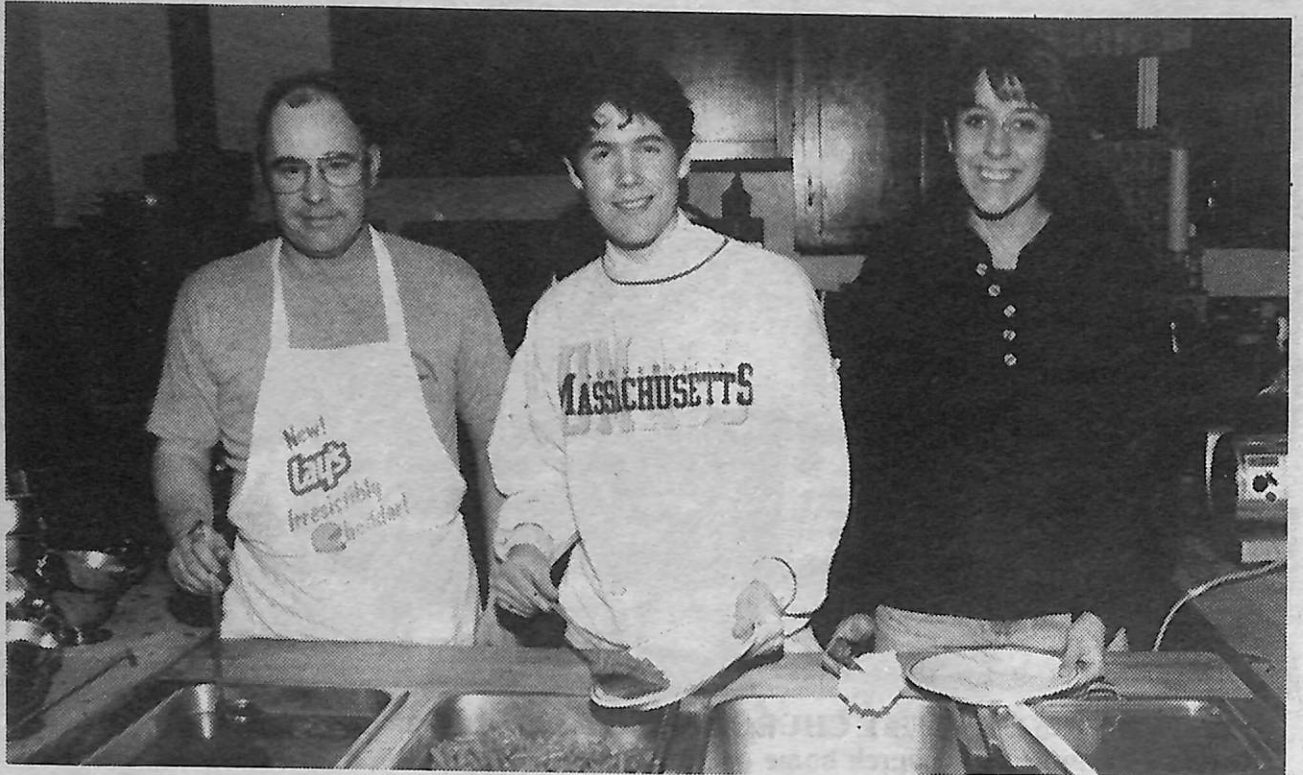
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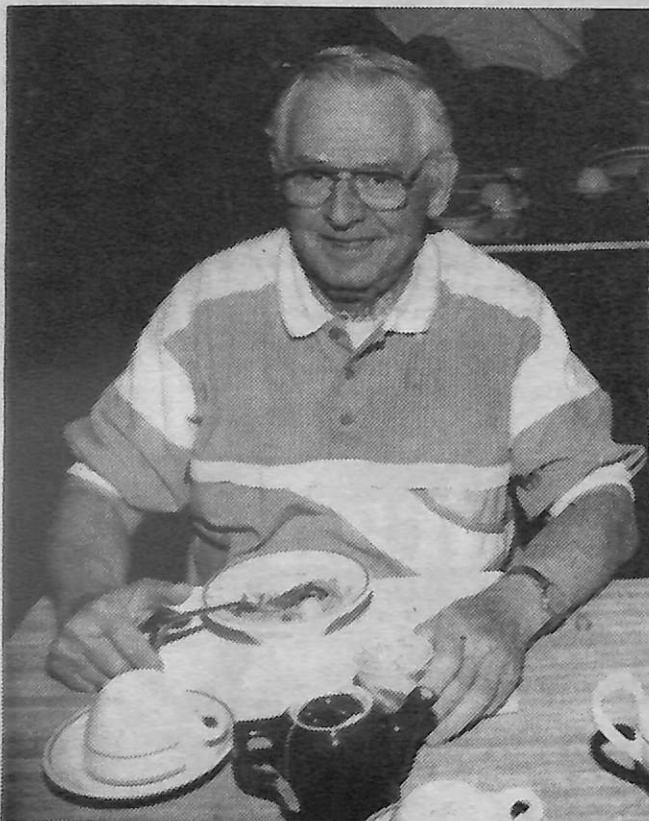
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F.H. Congregational Again Holds Friendship Dinner

BILL & VIRGINIA GERDINER enjoy the recent Roast Beef Dinner at Feeding Hills Congregational Church to support Operation Friendship, the summertime international youth exchange. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KITCHEN STAFF at Feeding Hills Congregational Church for the Operation Friendship Roast Beef Dinner included, from left - Bill Rose, Rob Parslow, and Joan Mineo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MARY CLANCEY, TED MULVAGH, and GENE MCCARTHY were part of the gathering who attended the Roast Beef Dinner to support Operation Friendship at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

West Suffield Cong. Church Slates Annual Strawberry Supper

West Suffield: West Suffield Congregational Church, 1408 Mountain Rd. (Rt. 168), West Suffield, will be holding its annual strawberry supper, Saturday, June 4th.

Sittings are at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. The menu features ham, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, strawberry shortcake, and beverages. Cost for adults is \$7.50; children, five through 12 years, \$3.50; under five, free.

For reservations, call 668-2689 or 668-2161.

Choir Musical Festival To Be Held May 22nd At Swk. Cong. Church

Southwick: Southwick Congregational Church presents a "Choir Music Festival" on Sunday, May 22nd at 7:30 p.m., featuring the Adult Choir, Joyful Noise Youth Choir, and Hand Bell Choir.

Admission is \$3/ticket or \$6/family. This is a Music Committee fundraiser. Come join the musical celebration!



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Church News - continued...**Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events**

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces that this Sunday, May 22nd, at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, it will have a special Pentecost service.

The high school group will lead the congregation in worship. This will be Confirmation Sunday as well.

The confirmands are: Cheryl Perkins, Jeff McCormick, Tracy Landry, David Kellogg, Steve Merklein, Scott Campion, and Todd Jorgensen. They have completed a 10-month program of study and retreats.

The church's Annual Friendship Church Picnic will also be held this Sunday, May 22nd. Softball games are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. at Phelps field.

Following the games, a picnic will be held back at the church at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy a great day of games, goodies, and

fellowship.

Friday, May 27th will mark the church's third meeting of "Adults Night Out." All adults in the church and the community are invited to join us for volleyball at the Greek Cultural Center in Springfield.

Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. After the volleyball games, we will stop at a favorite eatery for snacks.

Beginning Wednesday, June 1st, the Midweek Service will start at 7:30 p.m. This time will continue until September 17th, 1994.

On June 3rd at 8:00 p.m., a "cabaret" will be presented by local musicians. Music of all types (from oldies and show tunes to present-day songs and classical favorites) will be performed.

Seating is limited and tickets are \$4; they may be purchased at the church office, 786-7111. Plan

on attending this "Night of Music" with your friends and neighbors.

Agawam Congregational Church's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the St. Anne Country Club.

Patrons, company, and hole sponsors are needed. Golfers are urged to call Ray Orr, 786-7114, for tee times.

Tee times begin at 10:30 a.m. and run until 1:30 p.m. Call the church office, 786-7111, for more information.

The church's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 11th through July 15th. Children ages two through grade five are welcome; older children may volunteer to help the teachers.

Register your children as early as possible by calling the church office at 786-7111.

Liturgy For Disabled Planned For May 22nd At Mt. Carmel Church

The St. Vincent de Paul Council of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield will sponsor a "Liturgy for the Disabled" on Sunday, May 22nd, at the 10:45 a.m. Mass in the church at 123 William Street. The parish will honor the elderly, the shut-ins, the emotionally, physically and developmentally disabled, and their families and friends. The event is open to anyone in the Greater Springfield area.

Chairman of the special event is Sylvia R. Forastiere, president of the Council. This is the fourth service of its kind to be offered to the community by Mount Carmel Church; the first was held in May 1991 and was attended by 300. The idea behind it is to have a special day to honor the disabled to let them know they are not forgotten.

Rev. Richard Scioli, CSS pastor of Mount Carmel, will be the celebrant of the Mass, assisted by Rev. Camillo Santini, CSS. So often when the church elders and shut-ins cannot remain actively involved in the church function, they feel forgotten; on Sunday, May 22nd, it is the hope of the committee that these folks will be assured that they are loved and their past works are appreciated. "There are many ways by which the disabled can serve the community and the church," said Mrs. Forastiere.

In addition to this annual service, the members of the Council visit the nursing homes in the area and private homes where Mount Carmel parishioners reside. Visits are made monthly with special gifts at Christmas and Easter. A mailing list is maintained for all holiday cards and birthdays. The shut-ins enjoy receiving mail and especially "thinking of you" cards.

The service is open to the community. Invitations have been extended to all nursing home facilities, community residences for the disabled, Rev. Robert Wagner and the Jericho community, the deaf community through the Ministry of the Deaf for the Diocese of Springfield, area senior centers, Goodwill Industries, Sunshine Village, and other area centers.

Following the church service, a reception in the Mount Carmel School Auditorium will take place. Refreshments will be served by the members of the church's Women's Guild and will be home-baked by the Guild members. Both the church and the school have handicapped ramps. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Council will serve as ushers. A special section will be reserved for wheelchairs, and the front sections of the church will be reserved for additional seating.

The goal of the Council has been to make this a yearly "Remember the Disabled" day at Mount Carmel. "The elderly are our link to the past and to the history of our church. There is so much we can learn from them through their many years of experience. The disabled are our link to the present and future. Through their strength and courage, their determination to persevere regardless of the odds, we can grow," commented Mrs. Forastiere.

Anyone interested in coming to the event is welcome along with their family and/or friends. A phone call to the chairwoman will be appreciated in order to plan the reception and seating logistics. The program is free of any charge.

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Church News - continued...**News And Notes From F.H. Congregational**

This week, Reverend Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "Messiness is Next to Godliness." Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

The Trustees will meet on Monday, May 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.

The Thursday Evening Discussion Group will meet at 7:00 p.m.

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged." Matthew 7:1.

Nothing could be clearer. Christianity begins, not with judgment but with affirmation. There are those who believe that church is the place to be for people who have decided to tow the line. Others need first to repent of some sin or lifestyle.

And, judging by the fact that Sunday morning is the most racially segregated time in American life, it's hard to avoid the conclusion that many believe that church should look a certain way and have only certain people in attendance. Others should go elsewhere, and who cares where that may be?

On that first day of Pentecost, however, God showed us a very different picture. People from all different backgrounds and persuasions were brought together and united by God. No doubt they had many differences. Arabs, Jews, and all of their neighbors participated.

But whatever their differences were, they were set aside. From that point on, the church began to grow. The church was not begun by people who said, "What do you think about this issue or that one?" Nor was it begun by people who worried about skin color or lifestyle. Instead, the only criteria for membership were that people confessed Christ as Lord and demonstrated their willingness to support the new community of faith.

In short, what the church needed to begin to grow was not only commitment to Christ, but commitment among its members to support each other both spiritually and materially, regardless of any notions they may have had about each other. Judgment was for God. Their job was to be together as the church.

Marjorie Hewitt Suchoki, writing in *Quarterly Review*, pointed out that, "We teach our children the things of God one hour a week; seldom do we require homework or accountability for what is learned. If we taught mathematics or reading in the same way that we teach religion, parents would rise in a furor, demanding change. But seldom do parents protest that education in Christianity is not rigorous enough; knowing little themselves, they require little of their children."

Pentecost is the time for us to focus on the most basic of lessons; God calls everyone. When people disagree over any issue, this simply means we have things to talk about. The worst lesson we can teach our children is that those who seem so different are to be avoided or discounted or otherwise judged and condemned.

Acceptance of diversity is a subject area in which we still have a lot of homework to do.

Ag. Congregational Plans Annual Strawberry Supper

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual strawberry supper on June 9th with sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The menu will include potato salad, cole slaw, boiled ham, relish, rolls, and beverages, along with homemade strawberry shortcake.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. For reservations, call 786-0550 before June 7th.

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 26, 1994 at 8:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 13 Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of DePalma to perform work subject to the Wetlands Protection Act on Lot 2 Kanawha Avenue.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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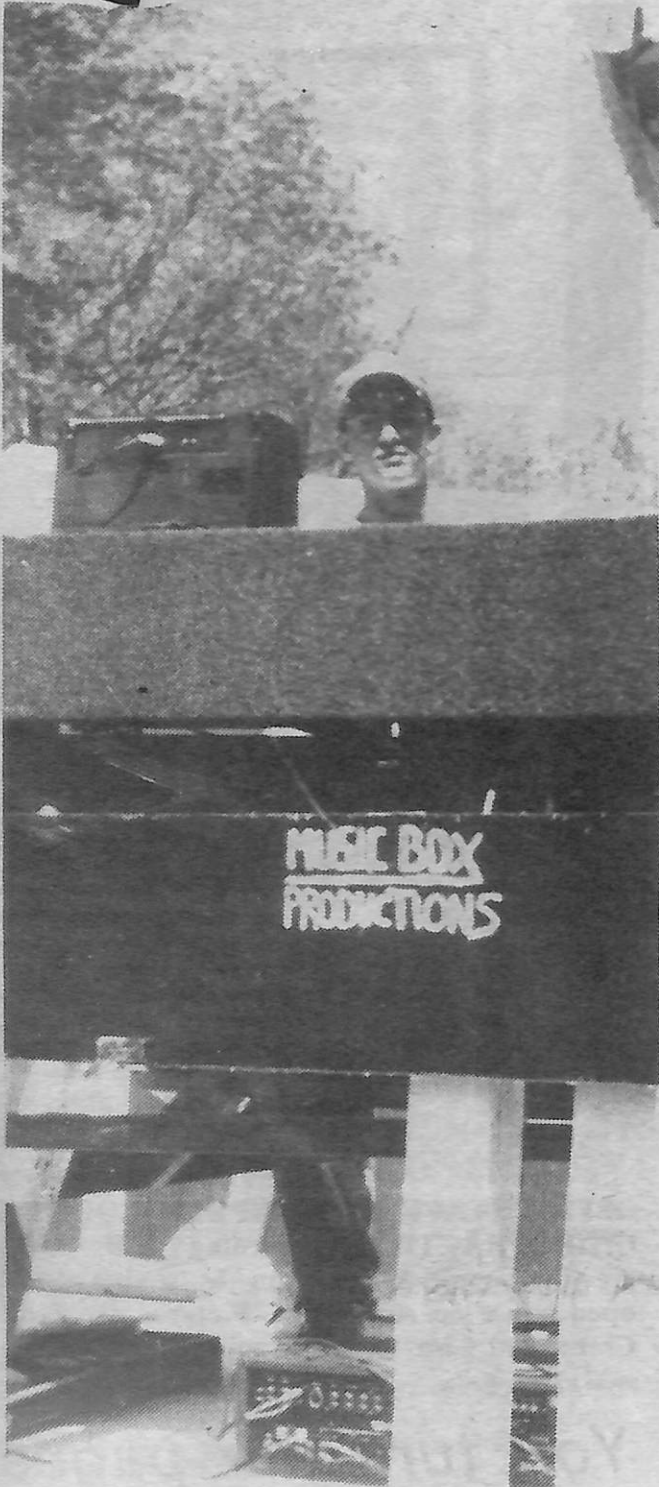
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Spotlight On Business



AGAWAM RESIDENT Tom Melbourne, 15, is pictured at last Saturday's Town Fair at Perry Lane Park.

Tom Melbourne Youngest Graduate From D.J. School

Tom Melbourne became interested and started his career as a Mobile Disk Jockey when he was 12. Now, at age 15, he is the youngest certified graduate from Mass. Mobile Disk Jockey School.

Tom is an eighth grader at the Agawam Junior High School. He is employed by both Fran's Restaurant in Feeding Hills and Mark's Rolling Dance Review in Agawam. Tom also has his own D.J. business called Music Box Productions. If this name sounds familiar, you may have seen him playing music and running a hula-hoop contest at the Town Fair on Saturday, May 14th.

The school is operated by Mark Ash, owner of Mark's Rolling Dance Review, which is a widely known Mobile Disk Jockey service that employs over 15 disk jockeys and does over 750 parties a year. Tom attended 36 hours of training to graduate and become registered as a certified D.J. The areas covered include handling the equipment, how to motivate and control a crowd, music selection, public speaking, business management, and more. This is all taught by professional radio disk jockeys, a C.P.A., and a lawyer.

Tom's plans for the future include: becoming a well-known radio disk jockey; continuing to build his own business that he has had for the last three years, Music Box Productions, into a widely-known Mobile Disk Jockey service with a dance club and a store front; and (in his spare time) flying planes.

Best local news...



Financial Planning

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Tips For Teaching Your Children About Money And Investing

If you're like most parents, one of your primary goals is making sure that your children grow up to be happy, confident, and productive members of society. You ensure the best education possible and provide for a variety of lessons to round out their education.

One of the lessons that often is ignored, however, is one on money and finances. The reasons for this abound: children grow up soon enough the way it is; it's scary for them to hear about money issues; anything they learn today won't be relevant when they grow up; there's not enough time to teach them properly; and parents aren't sure what to teach them.

But, children need to learn to handle money responsibly early on. They're bombarded constantly with advertisements enticing them to spend, not save, money.

And, living in an uncertain economy is not simply a transient phase that will disappear magically when your children reach adulthood. Your children will need sophisticated money management skills even more than you do, and you can't count on them learning these skills in school.

Here are some tips for teaching financial

responsibility to your children:

Children under the age of five: Work on money facts and the concept of trading. Teach them to identify the different coins and bills, how to make choices with what they have to spend, and where money comes from. For example, set up a play toy store in your house or have your child help decide between two items at the grocery store.

Children ages six to eight: Activities should focus on money skills such as setting a monthly saving goal, managing an allowance, and depositing money in a savings account. They can learn how to make change accurately, look for bargains, and estimate the total of several purchases.

Children ages nine to 12: Children can work on smart money habits such as comparison shopping and understanding how checking accounts work. Have them set up a weekly spending plan and money diary to help determine their allowance and to help learn goal-setting. Have them open a savings account and involve them in paying the family's bills. Show them how to make out deposit slips and write checks.

Teenagers: Teach your children about investment possibilities and involve them in making choices. Have them do the research for major family purchases and give them the responsibility for grocery shopping. Have them set up a budget which includes such things as clothing purchases.

Much teaching about finances can be done informally, both directly and indirectly with any money-related activity—shopping, setting allowances, and budgeting. Children learn best by example; involve them at a young age in the family's budgeting process so they learn how decisions are made about setting priorities for money.

Show them how you shop to get the most from your money. Involve them in your long-term planning and investing decisions. That way you can be sure they will learn to manage money in a responsible way.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 534-3883.

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The full-day program, "Prolific Customer Service - Getting It Right!" will be offered on Friday, June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel in West Springfield.

The presenter is Dr. Steve Sobel. The program will benefit businesses and organizations that wish to identify and rectify barriers to true customers driven service (CDS) in both the profit and non-profit environment.

A comprehensive program description and registration information can be obtained by calling Dr. Sobel's offices at 785-1259 or 1-800-874-7189. Cost is \$69 per person. For every three, a fourth goes free.

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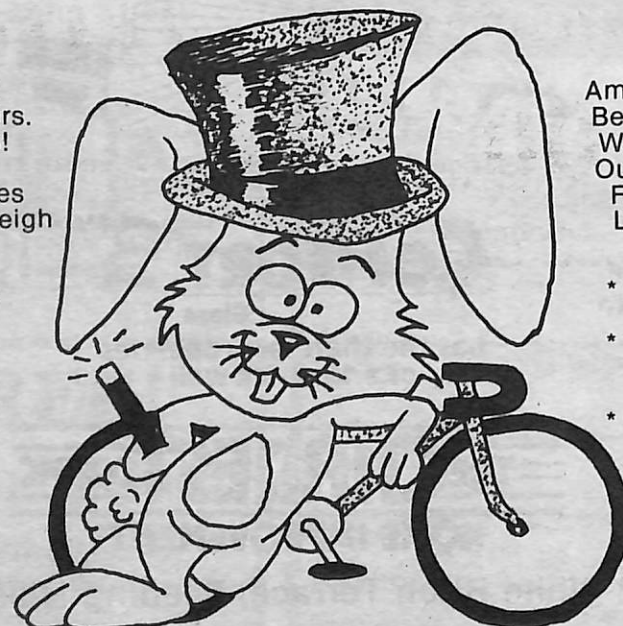
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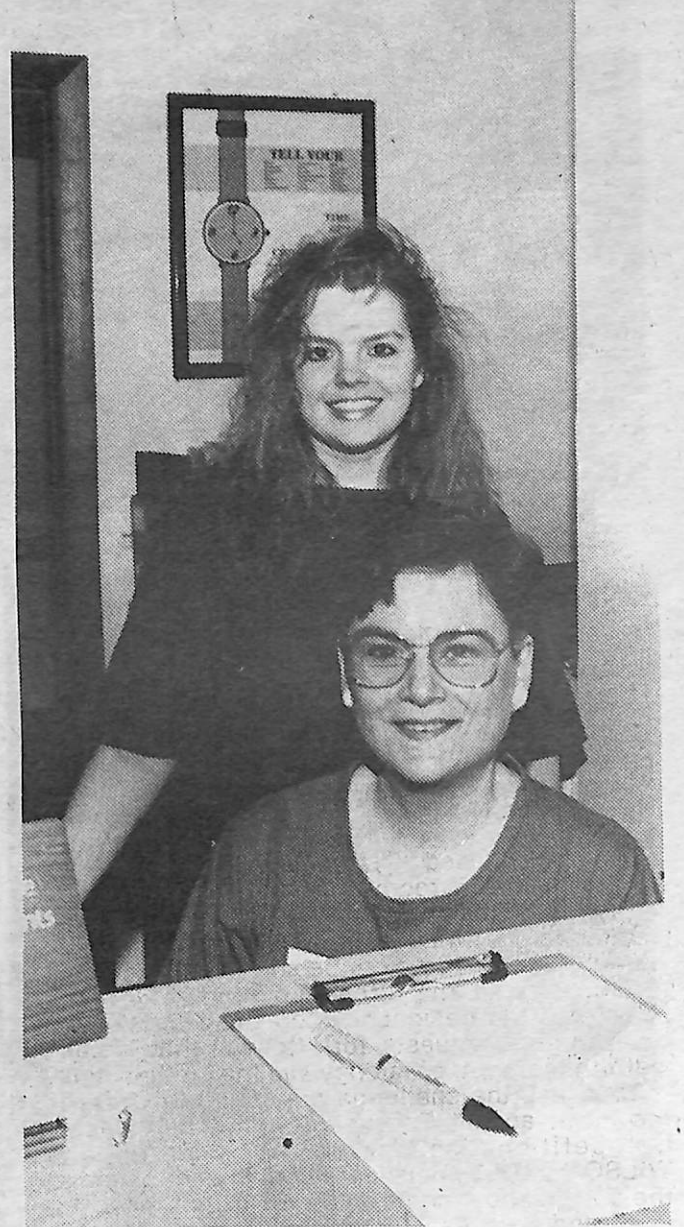
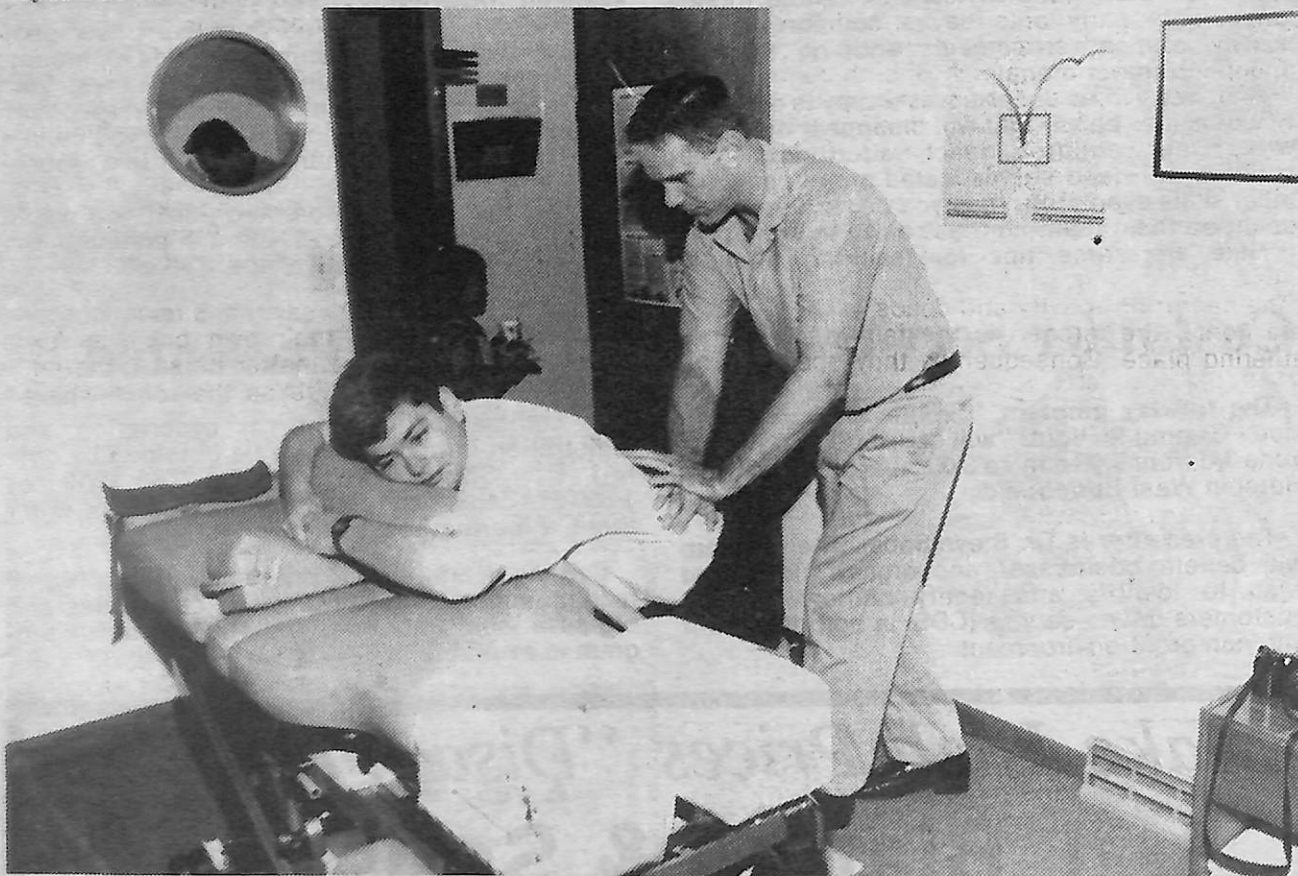
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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***Open House Celebrates 1-Year For Hampden County Chiropractic**

HAMPDEN COUNTY CHIROPRACTIC on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills held an open house on April 30th to celebrate its one-year anniversary. IN TOP PHOTO, Dr. Tami Nelson, doctor of chiropractic, demonstrates the new spinalator table to John Bresnahan. IN PHOTO BELOW, Massage Therapist Michael Mason works on Karen Barr. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



OFFICE STAFF AT HAMPDEN COUNTY CHIROPRACTIC in Feeding Hills were greeting people as they came in to visit at the open house on April 30th. Pictured are Judy Crews and Lisa Gero (standing). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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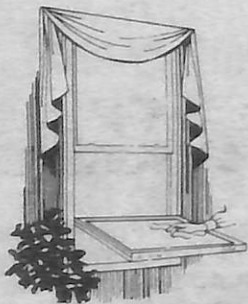
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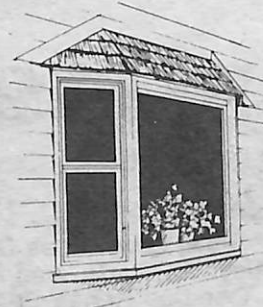
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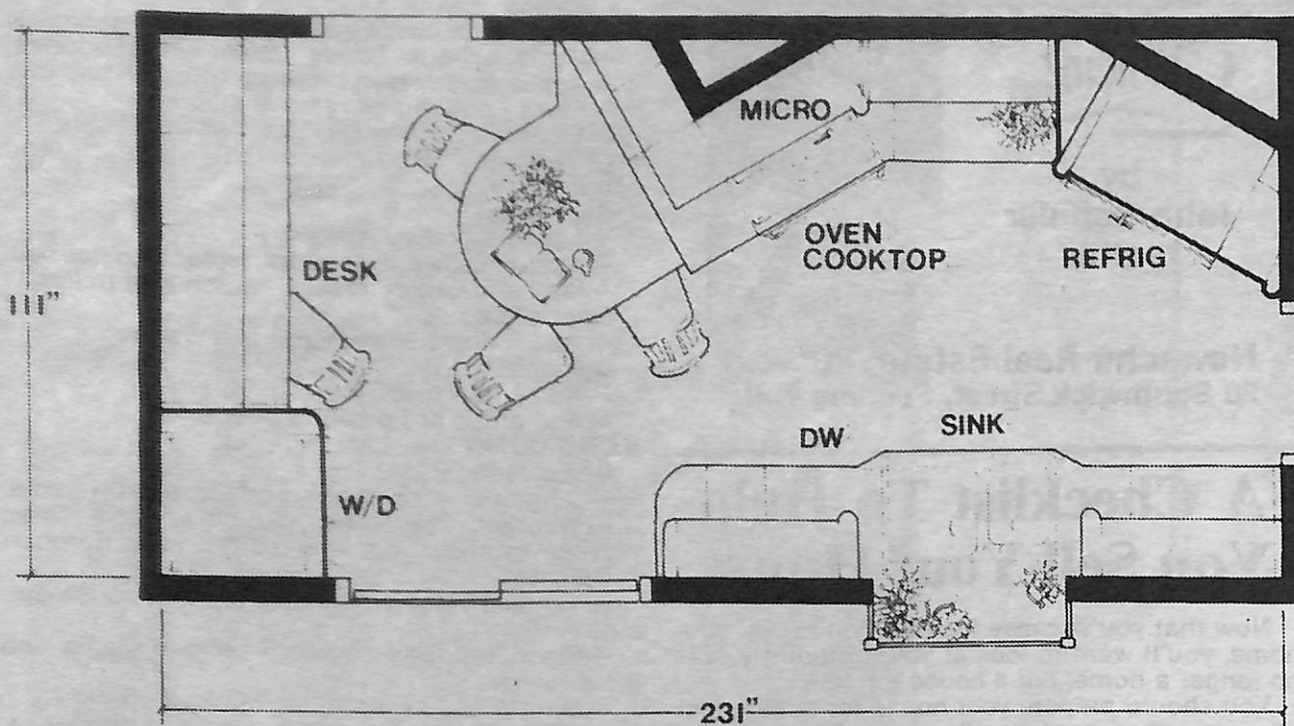
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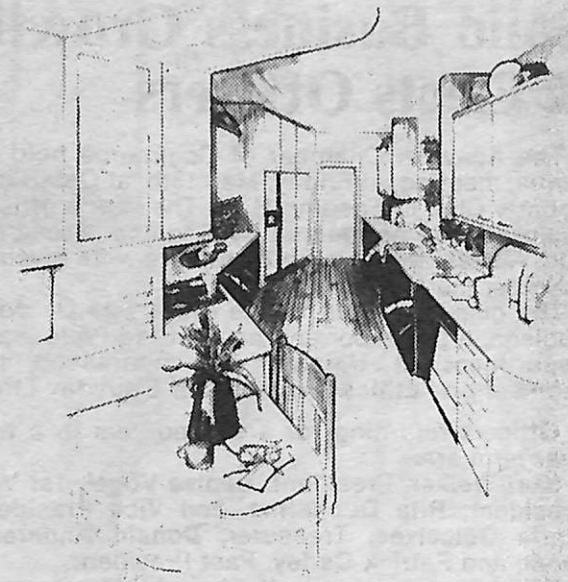
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Spotlight On Business - continued...



THESE DESIGNS by Susan Orena, certified kitchen designer at Kitchens by Herzenberg, received honorable mention status at the Excellence in Kitchen Design Competition.



Kitchens By Herzenberg Designer Receives Honorable Mention

In the fast-paced 90's, the kitchen continues to be the primary room where family members gather to catch up at the end of the day or on weekends. Certified Kitchen Designers nationwide agree that this trend is sure to stay, no matter the size of the kitchen or home. How are America's top designers addressing today's active families' requests for kitchens that include warmth, comfort, efficiency and the kitchen sink?

That was the challenge presented to CKDs in the ninth annual Excellence in Kitchen Design Competition, sponsored by Maytag and WILSONART. Winners were announced in April at the 22nd annual conference of the National Kitchen and Bath Association in Chicago. The purpose of this annual competition is to recognize the creative and professional contributions of CKDs and spotlight innovative ideas in the field of kitchen planning and design.

Among the 1994 winners is Susan Orena, CKD, of Kitchens by Herzenberg, Agawam, whose creative solution to the design challenge earned her an honorable mention. Ms. Orena is a repeat winner in this national competition, having won first place in 1992.

Certified Kitchen and Bathroom Designer Lou Hall, of Residential Consultants, Fresno, California, won the \$3,000 first prize. Second and third place prizes of \$1,500 each were awarded to Charles Bold, CKD of Bold Cabinetry, Kittery, Maine, and Michael Laido, CKD, of Laido Designs, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. Pamela Bold, CKD, of

Bold Cabinetry, Kittery, Maine, was the second honorable mention recipient.

This year's contest challenged CKDs to remodel a small kitchen. In addition to creative space planning, entrants were asked to find innovative solutions to typical kitchen problems: dim light, outmoded appliances, drab colors, and worn surfaces. The sponsors asked designers to produce a conceptual design meeting the needs of a fictitious working couple, Sam and Rose Butterfield, and their two teenage children. An active family of four, the Butterfields requested a crisp and contemporary kitchen with appliances and surfaces that rate high in efficiency, low in maintenance.

The center of activity and chaos in the Butterfield home, the kitchen is the family's favorite gathering place. Consequently, they specified a space that was bright, colorful, warm, and architecturally distinctive.

They also asked that the CKD incorporate an eating area into the design. Further requests included a home office for novelist Sam Butterfield, tall windows to draw in as much natural light as possible, a recycling area, and a laundry center in or adjacent to the kitchen.


CKD Susan Orena designed the Butterfield's kitchen as one large room with several separate areas for specialized use. The kitchen itself is a no-nonsense functional workplace with all the

necessary preparation, cooking and storage areas, yet with enough room to accommodate two cooks. Toward the left wall, near the cooktop and wall oven, but outside of the work triangle, is a cozy gathering spot that allows the whole family to participate in whatever activity is taking place in the kitchen. A laundry area is near the back door to encourage Sara Butterfield to drop her wet swimming items in the washer or dryer after she comes home from swim practice, rather than tossing them on the countertop.

With skillful planning and creative applications, each 1994 contest winner designed a kitchen that efficiently incorporated all the Butterfields' requests into the small space presented in the design challenge.

The five winning CKDs say that's really par for the course, based on their own business experience. In the 90's, no matter its size, the kitchen remains center stage as the room where family members gather.

For the future, the industry's task is to find new ways to make sure the kitchen combines form (is convenient and easy to use), function (is efficient), and fun!



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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Agawam Chamber Sees Solid Business Growth & Elects Officers

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting on Friday, May 13th, at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. The year's official business was conducted by Chamber President Kurt Welker, and committee reports were given to chamber members.

The guest speaker for the event was Dr. John Robison, a professor and head of the Philosophy Department at UMass, who addressed the chamber on "Ethical Problems of Everyday Life."

Officers returning for a second year in a two-year term are:

Kurt Welker, President; **Denise Vogel**, 1st Vice President; **Rita Ducharme**, 2nd Vice President; **Maria Golcalves**, Treasurer; **Donald Anderson**, Clerk; and **Patrick Carley**, Past President.

Directors returning to the board this year are: **Donald Anderson**, Baybank; **Patrick Carley**, START Physical Therapy; **Denise Vogel**, Northeast Utilities; **Dick Augusti**, Ricahrd Augusti, CPA; **Mike Fiorini**, Environmental Compliance Services; **Thomas Trant**, Kidder/Stacy; **Alson Canary**, A.K. Canary Insurance; **Joan Brouillette**, Westfield Savings Bank.

Also, **Peter Forastiere**, Colonial Funeral Home; **David Perkins**, New England School Supply; **Paul McKenna**, Dr. Paul McKenna, D.M.D.; **Jeff Laing**, Riverside Park; **Maria Goncalves**, Baybank; **Rita Ducharme**, Ebtec Corp.; **Mark Haymes**, Standard Uniform Service; **Al Taupier**, Baystate Gas; and **Kurt Welker**, Fitness First.

Kurt Welker remarked that the chamber has come off a very productive year during which it has worked hard to support its member businesses and participated in worthwhile projects affecting the entire community.

The Agawam Chamber saw an impressive 18-percent growth, increasing its membership from 191 to 226 during the year. "This clearly shows that there is solid business growth in Agawam, and that its membership committee has done an outstanding job," stated Welker.

Well-attended chamber programs included the city's mayoral debate and a forum on economic development in Western Mass. The Small Business Council will be recognizing 10 Agawam businesses at a dinner banquet later this month. The Business and Education Committee has been involved in providing scholarships to students and the Project Lifework career shadowing program.

The Agawam Chamber has also worked as an affiliate member with the Greater Springfield Chamber, hosting many events throughout the year, such as Outlook '94.

The Agawam Chamber Directors and Officers will serve from May to April.

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Uncluttering

—Lawn/garden - mow, trim, weed, water, pick up.

—Pet areas - clean up re-sod spots as needed.

—Extra vehicles - remove from curb view.

Cleaning

—Windows - wash inside and out.

—Walks and driveway - sweep and remove stains.

—Siding/brick or stucco - wash down with hose.

Repairing

—Doors and windows - repair screens, glass and door hardware.

—Siding - repair and paint as needed.

—Fences - repair and paint as needed.

—Sidewalks and driveway - repair cracks and seal as needed.

Neutralizing

—Lawn areas - remove any distracting decorations.

Dynamizing

—Add a large plant or door mat at entrance.

—Add potted or hanging plants and flowers to deck or porch.

—Add fresh layer of wood chips or rock if needed.

—Add new house numbers if needed.

KITCHEN

Uncluttering

—Counters - clear extra appliances, accessories, etc.

—Cupboards - remove and pack extra items.

—Memo areas - straighten and remove extra papers.

Cleaning

—Cupboards - wipe inside and polish cabinets.

—Vents, exhaust hoods - clean and deodorize.

—Appliances - clean thoroughly inside and out.

—Sinks - polish and remove stains.

—Floors and walls - scrubs and wax floors.

—Garbage, produce areas - clean and deodorize.

Repairing

—Faucets - repair leaks.

—Appliances - check bulbs, replace as needed.

—Wall and ceiling cracks - patch and paint.

Neutralizing

—Walls - use neutral paint and wallpaper.

—Add a new throw rug.

—Add green or flowering plants.

BATHROOMS

Uncluttering

—Counters - clear, pack, and store extra items.

—Vanities, medicine cabinets, and linen closets - organize, pack, and store extra items.

Cleaning

—Vanities - clean inside, scrub, and polish outside.

—Sinks, tub, and shower - remove stains and mold.

—Mirrors and chrome - polish to a sparkle.

—Floors and walls - scrub clean and deodorize.

Repairing

—Toilets and plumbing - make needed repairs.

—Grout and caulking - patch as needed.

—Wall and ceiling - patch and paint as needed.

Neutralizing

—Walls - use neutral paint and wallpaper.

—Shower curtain and towels - use basic colors.

Dynamizing

—Add scented soap or a candle.

—Purchase or borrow "show" towels and accessories.

LIVING ROOM AND DINING/FAMILY ROOM

Uncluttering

—Coffee and end tables - remove papers, etc.

—Furniture - rearrange for openness, remove, and store as needed.

—Plants - remove extra or unhealthy plants.

—Bookshelves - straighten, pack, and store extra items.

Cleaning

—Carpet - spot clean, consider professional cleaning if needed.

—Furniture and woodwork - polish.

—Lighting fixtures - clean and polish.

—Floors - scrub and wax.

Repairing

—Walls and ceilings - repair and paint as needed.

Neutralizing

—Walls - use neutral paint and wallpaper.

Dynamizing

—Use log and fireplace accessories.

—Use flowers and potpourri.

—Rearrange pictures to highlight special areas.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Victor's Hairstyling For Men



VICTOR'S HAIRSTYLING FOR MEN opened its doors on February 25th at 332 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam. Owned by Victor Davila, a barber for 27 years, the shop is open Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are suggested but walk-ins are welcome. Victor is a resident of the Forest Park section of Springfield. He worked previously for nine years at "The Headquarters" on Riverdale Road in West Springfield before opening his own business on Walnut St. Ext. Victor says he likes Agawam, calling the opening of his shop "a good opportunity for me." Victor and his wife have three grown children - two boys, both who are para-medics, and a girl, who is graduating from high school in June. Victor specializes in men's hairstyling but also has women as customers. Call Victor at 789-4299. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Spotlight On Business - continued...



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON stopped by for the grand opening of "From Green Flag To Checkered" Owners are Mary Beth Morin (left) and Philip F. Morin III. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BEDROOMS

- Uncluttering**
 - Children's play areas - straighten, store extra toys.
 - Closet - box and store extra items.
 - Furniture - remove extra items and rearrange to enhance space.
- Cleaning**
 - Carpet - spot clean or have professionally cleaned.
 - Drapes - wash or dry clean.
 - Lighting fixtures - wash and clean bulbs.
- Repairing**
 - Wall and ceiling cracks - repair as needed.
- Neutralizing**
 - Walls - use neutral paint and wallpaper.
 - Bedsprads - use basic colors and patterns.
 - General decor - remove distracting posters, etc.
- Dynamizing**
 - Arrange toys to look fun and inviting.
 - Open a book on the nightstand.
 - Add curtains or valances to rooms without them.

BASEMENT/GARAGE

- Uncluttering**
 - Tool, shop, and laundry areas - straighten, box and store.
 - Garage - straighten lawn/garden tools and equipment, remove unwanted items.
- Cleaning**
 - Floors - sweep, clean grease spots.
 - Walls and ceilings - remove cobwebs.
 - Windows - clean.
 - Pet areas - clean thoroughly and deodorize.
- Repairing**
 - Appliances - be sure furnace, water heater, etc., are in working order.
 - Pipes, laundry connections - check and make repairs as needed.
- Neutralizing**
 - Walls and floors - consider spray painting and throw rugs.
- Dynamizing**
 - Arrange laundry supplies to suggest ease of work.
 - Arrange games in play areas.
 - Display a project in work or hobby areas.

When you are ready to begin work, use the checklist and add your own "to do" list. The checklist follows five important steps to "packaging" your house for the market. Even if you can't get to every detail, the checklist will help you keep in mind the basic steps.

Also, as you review the checklist, consult with your real estate agent. They know best what is important to buyers in your area, and you'll want to concentrate on those things that really make the difference toward a successful sale.



AUTO RACING is the attraction at "From Green Flag To Checkered" now open at 1670A Main Street, Agawam. Kneeling - Marshall Provost, Mitch Drewnowski, and Mark Fontaine. Standing - owners Mary Beth Morin and Philip F. Morin III. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"From Green Flag To Checkered" Has Large Collection Of Auto Racing Memorabilia

Mary Beth and Philip Morin proudly announce the opening of "From Green Flag To Checkered," a retail establishment specializing in auto racing collectables and souvenirs.

The Grand Opening was held on Saturday, May 14th. The Mayor of Agawam, Christopher C. Johnson, cut the ribbon at 9:30 a.m. Pro-stock car number seven, with Mitch Drewnowski, was at the opening. "From Green Flag To Checkered" is one of the sponsors, along with Riverside Park Speedway Race Car.

"From Green Flag To Checkered" is located at 1670A Main Street (Route 159), Agawam, across

from Riverside Park and Riverside Park Speedway.

"We've always been auto racing fans," said Mrs. Morin, "and we felt this would be a perfect way to put Philip's knowledge and my enthusiasm to work."

"From Green Flag To Checkered" features T-shirts, jackets, hats, die cast cars, trading cards, model kits, photos, key chains, and glassware.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Morin at 786-3480.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 26, 1994 at 7:00 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for

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National Emergency Medical Services Week, a celebration to honor approximately 750,000 EMS providers nationwide who deliver lifesaving emergency care, was scheduled for May 15th through 21st, 1994.

Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano said that the 1994 EMS Week theme, "EMS: The Stars of Life," could help educate the public about the various components that make up the emergency medical services system, and also emphasized the heroic efforts of the EMS team.

The Star of Life is the universally recognized symbol of emergency medical services, and can be seen displayed on ambulances and other EMS equipment. Each point on the star represents a different aspect of the EMS system, such as response or care in transit.

Pisano said that skilled and dedicated men and women give the EMS symbol its true meaning by providing lifesaving care whenever and wherever it is needed. EMS Week was a great way to say thanks.

The public had another important role in EMS Week, since two of the points of The Star of Life—dedication and reporting—require direct involve-

ment from the public. The general public is often the first at the scene of a medical emergency; knowing how to recognize an emergency, provide first aid, and call for help is essential for all of us in order to save lives.

Although EMS is a vital public service, many Americans don't quite understand how it operated in their communities, Pisano said, EMS Week was an excellent opportunity to educate the public about first aid, injury prevention, and emergency preparedness.

National Emergency Medical Services Week is sponsored annually by the American College of Emergency Physicians along with the American Ambulance Association; the Emergency Nurses Association; the International Association of Fire Chiefs; the National Association of EMS Physicians; the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians; the National Association of State EMS Directors; the National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators; the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's United States Fire Administration.

Medicare Counseling At Providence Hospital

Ed Schenk, a volunteer for SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of the Elderly) will be available, by appointment, on June 1st from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Providence Hospital to provide free information and counseling to seniors regarding Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicare Supplemental Insurance.

SHINE is a health benefits counseling program sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs in conjunction with local Councils on Aging. This service is provided by volunteer counselors who have had intensive training in the most up-to-date health insurance and benefit option information, and enables seniors to have access to accurate, unbiased information regarding health insurance, and health care options.

SHINE counselors assist elders in understanding their insurance needs, provide health insurance information, inform elders of their rights under Medicare, assess client information/assistance needs, help with claim filings, provide claims advocacy, and make referrals to appropriate agencies.

To schedule an appointment, call Lorelei Ebersold in the Financial Counseling Office at Providence Hospital, 539-2488.

Bereaved Support By Forastiere Family

Monthly support groups designed specifically for those whose spouse has died are provided by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm St., in East Longmeadow. It is ongoing, 12 months a year. There is no pre-registration, nor commitment to attend. Those wishing to participate need merely to attend. The group is facilitated by Grief Counselor Lila Forastiere.

This support group is just one of the many programs included in the "Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow." As part of the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes' continuous commitment to helping those who are grieving, the "OPTIONS" programs are offered to anyone in the community, at no charge.

For further information, call 733-5311.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Food Affects Your Sex Life

If you want to motivate a loved one to cut the fat in their diet, you can tell them cutting fat will decrease their risk of heart disease and cancer. Often they will respond by saying, "I have to die of something!" But, tell a man that slashing the fat in his diet will improve his sex life, and he listens.

A steady diet of burgers, French fries, and ice cream can clog arteries around the heart. But, it clogs blood vessels in other parts of the body, too. Clogged arteries in the penis can lead to impotence. According to Masters & Johnson, one out of five men over age 60 are impotent. A patient with heart disease or diabetes is at greater risk of developing impotence.

High fat foods can also dull a man's sex drive. Fat blocks the production of testosterone, the male hormone that boosts sex drive. The University of Utah Medical School found that testosterone levels dropped 50% after just one high fat meal, compared to when the same men ate a low fat meal.

Traditionally we think of steak and eggs as "real man" foods. But, a diet that feeds a healthy male sex life replaces the high fat steaks with leaner fish and chicken.

If a "real man" wants red meat, he's better off with a cut of beef labeled "round," such as eye of the round, top round, or bottom round. In addition, he can cut the traditional 12-ounce portion of meat to four ounces. Then, fill up on low fat fruits, vegetables, and grains.

So, it seems real men really don't eat quiche ... it's too high in fat. A low fat breakfast of skim milk and cereal is more healthy for his sex drive.

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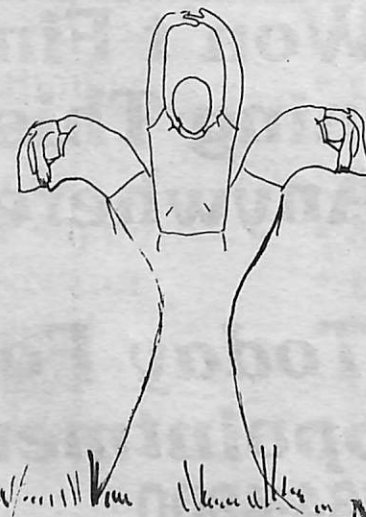
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Arts

This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—When A Man Loves A Woman

Andy Garcia and Meg Ryan are made for each other in the newest spring/summer tearjerker, *When A Man Loves A Woman*, 1994's answer to last season's *Sleepless In Seattle*.

It's not the pure, unadulterated romance *Seattle* was; this movie pulls no punches when it comes to the subject of alcoholism. But this is a tough issue and an all-too-common problem in the 90's.

Garcia is a commercial pilot whose frequent absences put an unsuspected distance between he and his wife, who is finding solace for her problems (real and otherwise) in the bottles she has stashed all over the house.

Yes, they are in love, very much so. But as the story unfolds, we see a carefree, engaging, grinning Ryan succumb to alcoholism; her expression changing to a blank, numbed look with periodic outbursts of rage—rage that is misdirected to husband and children.

On a brief junket to Mexico, Garcia tells Ryan an unvarnished truth: it is getting harder and harder to wring her out at the end of an evening.

As their lives fall apart, Garcia's absence leaves the children the victims, and the eldest child sees the most and seems old and wise beyond her years as she tells her daddy that he "has to wrap (the bottles) in newspapers" to hide them before he throws them out.

We watch in awe as Garcia, in a rage, breaks an empty Vodka bottle in a trash can as his daughter watches uncertainly from the stoop. We applaud in the moment of understanding as he hands the child a bottle and allows her to shatter it, venting her own anger under his watchful, loving eyes.

Garcia, in the midst of this life-shattering crisis, is confused, angry, and shocked; as in real life, the closest people are the last to know.

Ryan, in a drunken stupor, passes out in the shower where she is found by her oldest daughter, with the child thinking her mommy has died.

The end result: detox.

We follow Ryan through recovery, through soul searching, despair, DTs, and hitting bottom before finding her back to life.

We follow the family, struggling to understand,

trying not to be afraid, trying to stick together while their world falls apart.

We watch as Ryan bonds with fellow alcoholics, forming relationships her husband can't understand.

We watch as Garcia makes a tenuous foray into the world of Al-Anon (for families of alcoholics) to begin his own journey back.

Along this tortuous road, each learns a little bit about themselves, a little bit about growing up, and a lot about each other.

And although the climactic reunion and reaffirmation of their love seems to come too easily and too quickly with just six months of sobriety under her belt (of course, this is movieland), it is nonetheless the stuff romantic movies are made of.

Plaudits to Garcia and Ryan for roles they can be proud of, and to the youngsters whose lesser parts stole the show.

Plaudits, too, to Hollywood, who (as in Michael Keaton's *Clean and Sober*) finally tell it like it is ... most of the time.

Springfield Symphony To Salute America At Westfield Concert

The Springfield Symphony will present a popular musical salute to America in celebration of Memorial Day on Sunday, May 29th, on the grounds of Westfield State College. The community patriotic event will feature Guest Conductor Ronald Feldman, Assistant Conductor of the Boston Pops. Proceeds will benefit the Westfield Boys and Girls Club. The performance will be the Symphony's only appearance in Westfield this summer.

According to Springfield Symphony Executive Director Susan Davison, the holiday musical gala will provide an afternoon of music that the entire family will enjoy. "An American Salute will be an appropriate kick-off to summer, complete with tent seating, picnicking on the spacious lawns, hot dogs, balloons for the kids, and a beer and

wine garden," said Davison.

The late-afternoon SSO concert is the second part of a two-performance program and will be staged rain or shine under the large graduation tent on the college grounds.

The box office will open at 1:30 p.m. The music begins at 2:30 p.m. with the Don Bastarache Dixieland/Jazz Band, and concludes at 6:00 p.m. after a two-hour musical tribute to American composers by the SSO.

At 4:00 p.m. under the baton of Guest Conductor Ronald Feldman, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will play a variety of selections that in-

clude the music of Cole Porter, Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Glen Miller, Benny Goodman, and

Leonard Bernstein.

At the age of 19, Ronald Feldman joined the Boston Symphony as a cellist. A Boston University graduate, he served as Music Director and Conductor of the New England Philharmonic and, in 1989, assumed the position of leader of the Berkshire Symphony. A Tanglewood favorite, in 1987 he substituted for John Williams leading the orchestra in John Harbison's *Remembering Gatsby*.

Feldman was appointed Assistant Conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra in 1989.

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The musical salute is presented by organizations in the city of Westfield but is open to the entire Western Massachusetts community. Edward Abar, spokesman for the Westfield Kiwanis Club (one of the sponsors), said, "Neighbors, we're encouraging music lovers from all over to spend an afternoon in a pleasant setting with friends and families, food and American music that we can all be proud of."

Davison called the event a "family celebration" and said children's activities include face painting, balloons, and some surprises. Refreshments will be sold by Sodexo Caterers of Westfield, who are planning a menu to include hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, soda, popcorn, and snowcones.

An American Salute is being sponsored by Westfield Savings Bank in cooperation with the Westfield Kiwanis Club, Westfield State College, and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. Additional support has been provided by Woronoco Savings Bank.

Ticket prices are: adults, \$12; seniors, \$9; students, ages three to 18, \$6; and children under three years of age are free.

Tickets for *An American Salute* are now on sale at the Springfield Symphony Box Office, 75 Market Place (behind Johnson's) in Springfield from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For information or charge by phone, call (413) 733-2291.

AAN Has Openings...

The Agawam Advertiser News is seeking a driver for its delivery to newsstands and to the Agawam Post Office on Thursdays and Saturdays. Must be flexible on Thursdays due to printers' schedule. Saturdays are strictly in the morning. Reliability is a must. We can provide vehicle on Thursdays; if you use your own vehicle, it should be a van or small pickup. For more info, call 786-7747 or 786-8137. Ask for Ric Sardella. References necessary.

The Agawam Advertiser News is also seeking a sports writer or writers to finish the Agawam High School Spring Sports Season, and for the summertime months. All work is done outside of the office. Writing experience necessary, along with a good working knowledge of sports. Call 786-7747 or 786-8137. Ask for Ric Sardella.



ENCORE PLAYERS director Dick Volker of Ludlow goes over a scene with Kathy Renaud of Springfield.

Encore Players To Stage Next Play, "The Boys Next Door" In June

The Encore Players will present Tom Griffin's *The Boys Next Door* at the Lower Theater of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield (next to Serv-U) on June 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Curtain time is 8:00 p.m., except for June 5th and 12th, when it will be at 2:00 p.m.

This off-Broadway comedy is directed by award-winning actor/director/playwright Dick Volker and features Steve Henderson, John McKemie, Bob Lawson, John Dion, and Doug Major. Others in the cast are Kathy Renaud, Joel Schnur, and Daphne Calkins.

There are moments in *The Boys Next Door* that

are both poignant and funny as we share in the lives of four mentally handicapped men who attempt to achieve some meaning and purpose in their originally dysfunctional lives, and their social worker who struggles with his desire to stay attached to his clients, yet knowing "burn out" is forcing him to make a change in his career.

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Pisano's Picks...

ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Recent Releases 4

Here are some of the newer released on video. Some are better than others, but each possesses an attribute that makes it worth viewing.

*** So I Married An Axe Murderer**

Director: Thomas Schlamme. 1993. Rated PG-13. 1 hour and 33 minutes. Starring: Mike Myers, Nancy Travis, and Anthony LaPaglia.

Wayne's World leading dude, Mike Myers, takes the lead again in this riotous farce about a strange lad who weds ... well, you guessed it—an axe murderer (or so he thinks)!

Although the film does contain some funny scenes, they don't have enough steam to power the rest of the film. Resultingly, we watch this pitiful character try to squirm out of a marriage when he suspects that his new bride (a butcher shop worker) had made a career out of cleaving more than briskets!

Within the subplots of this film are several parodies of the Scottish heritage via another character played by Myers.

So I really watched *So I Married An Axe Murderer*? I must have because I now know what a "Sputnik head" looks like; I also know what "haggus" is; but, most of all, I realized that Mike Myers should've paid his attentions to *Wayne's World 2*!

This isn't a prime cut from Hollywood's loins, folks. It's more like a tasty scrap that was left on the chopping block of filmmaking forever! **1 STAR.** (14 years and up.)

*** Demolition Man**

Director: Marco Brambilla. 1993. Rated R. 1 hour and 55 minutes. Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Wesley Snipes, Sandra Bullock, and Nigel Hawthorne.

Sly Stallone once again spends two hours of

our valuable time showing us nothing more than how big and strong you get when you eat your veggies. Wesley Snipes spends two hours wondering why he has blonde hair. You will spend two hours wondering why you rented this movie.

The movie takes place in the future, where a modern-day cop (Stallone) is defrosted from a cryogenic freezing to battle a ruthless killer. Most of the film, in true Hollywood fashion, focuses on the main character's ability to operate all kinds of heavy artillery.

The sad part is that the writing for this film is superb. The perspective of the writers as to how the future evolved from today is highly creative. Unfortunately, it is grossly upstaged by Sly's biceps and numerous explosions which make this film a pitiful waste of time.

As long as you are able to rent it and pay attention to the storyline and not the actors' egos, you stand a chance of enjoying the film. If not, then you'll condemn this misuse of film for demolition itself! **2 STARS.** (17 years and up.)

*** Mrs. Doubtfire**

Director: Chris Columbus. 1993. Rated PG-13. 2 hours and 5 minutes. Starring: Robin Williams, Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan, Harvey Fierstein, and Robert Prosky.

Robin Williams delivers what may well be his best and funniest film performance to date. He plays a dad who resorts to being a transvestite in order to see his kids. The ensuing story of dual identity is exploited perfectly.

The well-scripted story holds your interest and makes you laugh periodically throughout the film. Sally Field delivers a commendable performance as the wife. All of the attributes merge into what is one of the best comedic films since *Home Alone*.

Just the immediate appearance of Williams as the title character is hilarious enough. But Williams' special and now-famous style of character acting fuses together with great makeup to bring tears to your eyes!

If you rent only one of the films in this article, then make it *Mrs. Doubtfire*. It's quite possibly Robin Williams at his finest ... girdle and all! **3 1/2 STARS.** (16 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for topics that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou Pisano in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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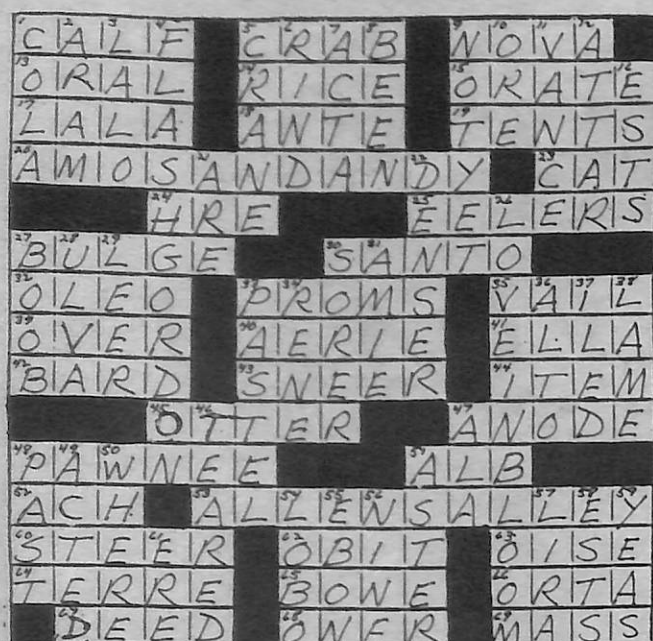
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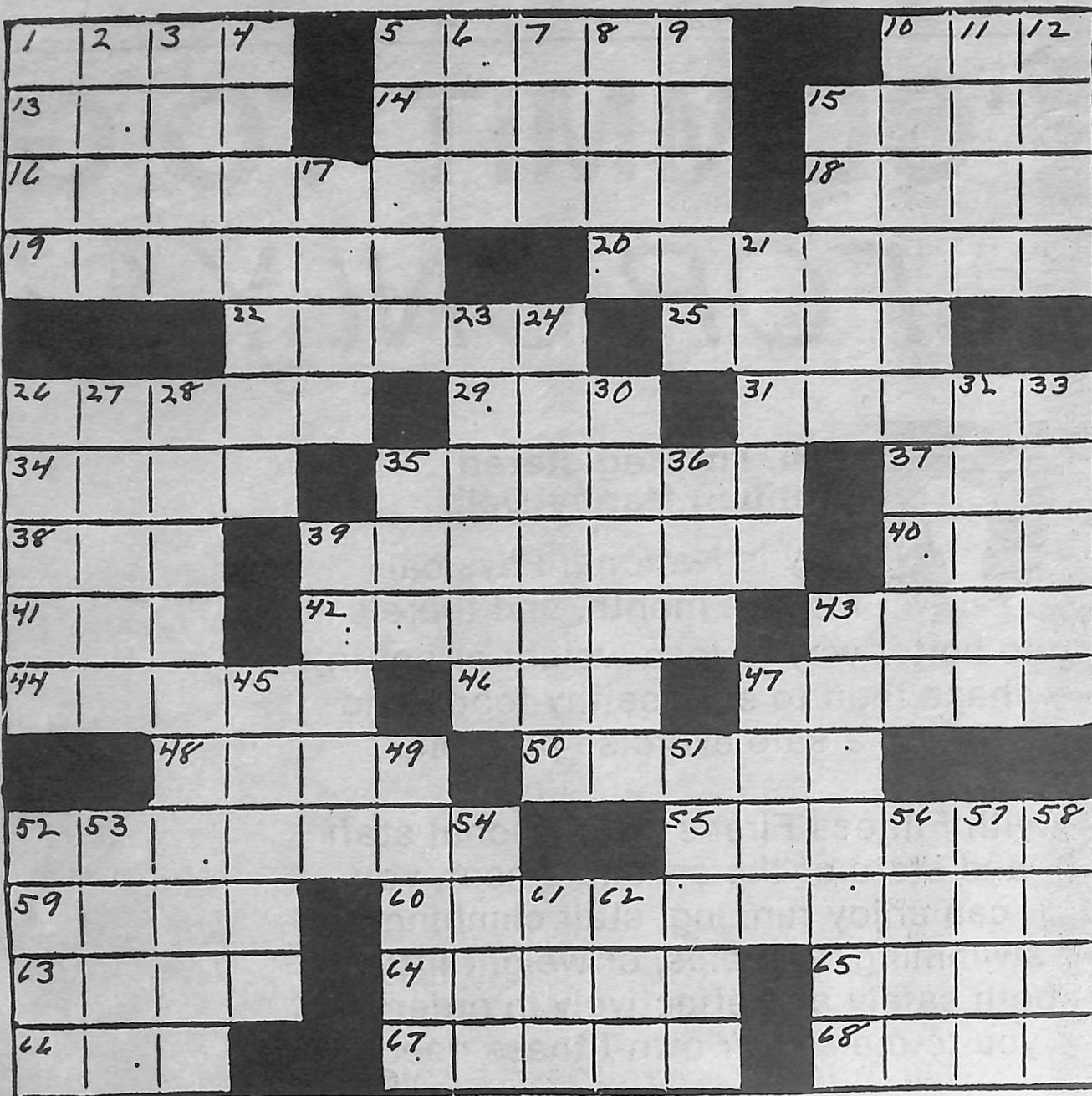
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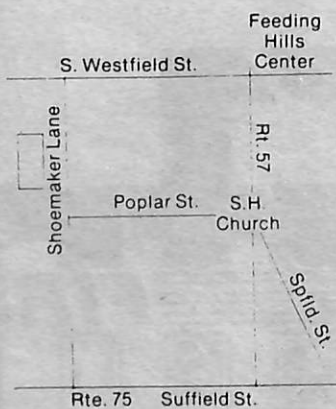
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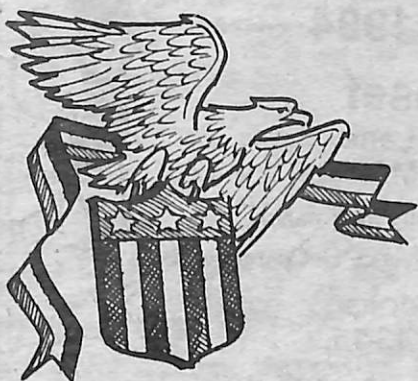
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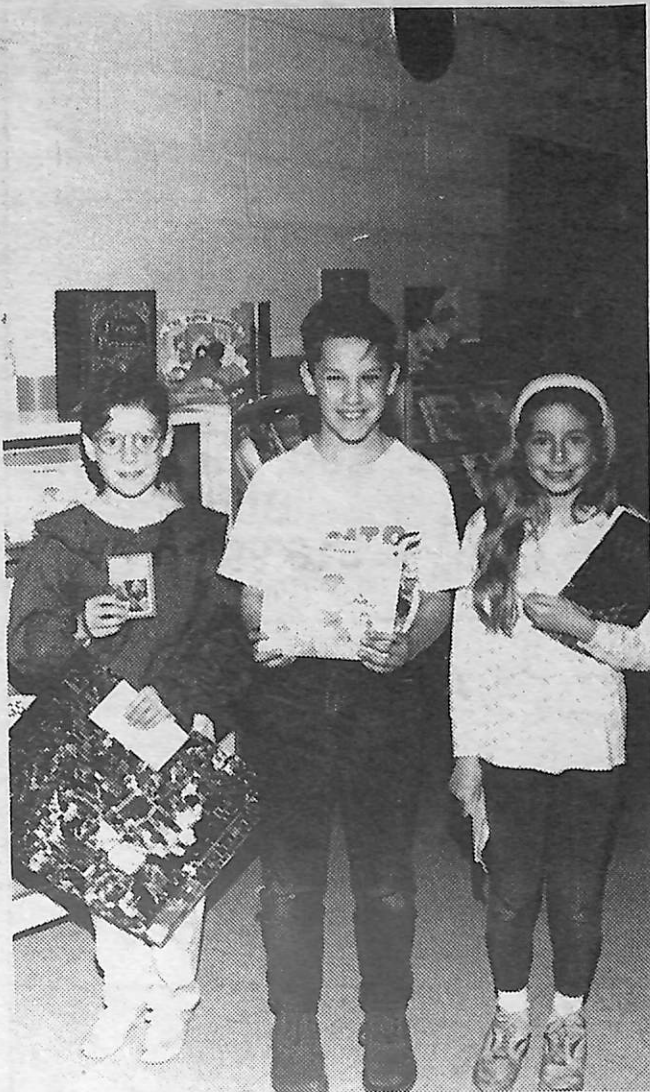
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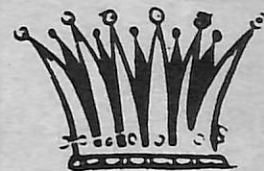
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Poster, Essay Winners For Memorial Day Named By Council

The Agawam Veterans' Council met last Wednesday night at the V.F.W., Post 1632 to judge the Memorial Day Poster & Essay Contest entries.

Again this year, there was a great response from students of the Middle School and Junior High. There were 44 posters from the Middle School students and 207 essays submitted from the Junior High students.

The theme this year, "WW II, A Grateful Nation Remembers," was chosen to coincide with Agawam's designation as a WW II 50th Anniversary Commemorative Community by the Department of Defense.

Prizes to be awarded are first place, a \$100 savings bond; second place, a \$75 bond; and third place, a \$50 savings bond. Winners will receive their prizes during Memorial Day Ceremonies on the Veterans' Green, which takes place following the Town parade.

The Middle School Poster Contest winners are: first place, **Melody Serafino**; second place, **Anthony Goodrow**; third place, **Sarah Lottermoser**.

The Agawam Junior High Essay Contest winners are: first place, **Angela Tassinari**; second place, **Megan Conkey**; third place, **Jennifer Zerra**.

Congratulations to each student and the Veterans' Council extends its invitation to have you participate in the Town parade and carry the special Poster/Essay banner provided and receive your prize during ceremonies.

Thank you to all the students who took the time to participate and honor all Agawam Veterans. Judging was not easy as there were so many beautiful thoughts and expressions of patriotism in your work.

Agawam High School Class Of '94 Important Senior Week Dates

Agawam High School Principal Russell Furtado has announced the following important dates that concern AHS seniors:

Senior Exam Schedule

Monday, May 23rd: English - Social Studies - Physical Ed. - A - Music - A.

Tuesday, May 24th: Science - Language - Home Ec. - P.E. - B - Music - B.

Wednesday, May 25th: Math - Computer Science - Business - Art - Tech Ed.

Thursday, May 26th: Make-ups as needed.

Thursday, May 26th: SENIOR PICNIC. 4:30 p.m. Buses leave for High Meadow.

Friday, May 27th: SENIOR BREAKFAST. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Polish Club.

Wednesday, June 1st: GRADUATION REHEARSAL. 9:30 a.m., Symphony Hall.

Thursday, June 2nd: SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT. 6:30 p.m., AHS Auditorium.

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Junior High Social Studies Students Pen Pals Of Agawam Peace Corps Worker

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam Junior High School students are finding it's possible to reach out and touch someone without relying on the telephone.

Seventh grade students of social studies teacher William Quinn have established a link between the tiny, South Pacific island nation of Tuvalu by becoming pen pals with Peace Corps volunteer Debbie Marai of Agawam, currently stationed in the nation's capitol, Funafuti.

Having kept in touch with his former student over the years, Quinn wasn't surprised when Miss Marai told him of her intention to serve in the Peace Corps. "She was always a bright student interested in learning about other cultures," Quinn said. "She always had the desire to travel and to help other people."

Before heading for the South Pacific, Miss Marai agreed to exchange letters with Quinn's students to give them a first-hand account of life on a tropical atoll. In addition to exchanging letters about once a month, the students have received a tourist video put together by the government.

As well as sending her letters to the class, Miss Marai is trying to set up an exchange of letters between a class of Tuvaluan students who are learning English as their second language, and the Agawam students. Miss Marai told the students this project would help her in furthering the Peace Corps goal of promoting better understanding between the host countries and the United States.

Also, the Agawam students would get the chance to learn about Tuvaluan culture and the life of young people on the island directly from Tuvaluans.

Hopeful Pen Pals...

Hoping to become pen pals with Tuvaluan students, **Scott Murphy** said he was most interested in asking what their life is like. Student **Shelley Rose** added, "I want to ask what they do in school and whether they get a lot of homework."

The students look forward to their letters from Miss Marai and eagerly share what they've already learned about a lifestyle that is so different from the fast-paced life we know in the United States.

Student **Nicole Macey** explained that with only one plane bringing mail to the island once a week, Tuvalu is pretty isolated from the outside world.

The students were most interested in learning about the cultural differences Miss Marai faces, and her letters to them reflect her willingness to satisfy their curiosity. With the underlying philosophy stressed by the Social Studies Department, "No culture is right or wrong, it's just different," the students are able to discuss the island way of life without making judgmental comparisons.

According to the students, Tuvalu, formerly part of the British Empire, is a male-dominated culture where old men are honored and respected and women have fewer rights.

With temperatures often over 100 degrees, the islanders do most of their work in the early morning hours to take advantage of the coolest part of the day. "They stop in the middle of the day," Scott Murphy explained.

According to the students, Miss Marai had to get used to a lack of privacy created by the traditional island dwelling of an open pavilion built without walls for the breeze to flow through.

An architect, Miss Marai signed on for a two-year commitment to the Peace Corps. She arrived in Tuvalu (population 9,000) last fall to direct the construction of the island's first airport terminal.

With all construction materials being shipped to the island and with the islanders' laid-back approach to life (where no one is in a hurry and things get done when they get done), it is not certain that the terminal will be finished at the end of Miss Marai's tour of duty.

However, Quinn said the construction would continue under the next Peace Corps volunteer, or Miss Marai might opt to remain until the work was finished.

Besides learning about the culture of a country none of them had ever heard of, Quinn said his students are benefitting by getting to know more about the Peace Corps and its ideals.

Yeah For Dave Pulaski



THE ORANGE AND BROWN AWARD for April goes to a man who knows all the angles, David Pulaski. Dave was chosen by his students because of his creative teaching style, his knowledge of subject matter, his commitment to his students, and his overall interest and involvement in the school community. Besides being a teacher "who makes learning fun," Dave is a professional photographer and has served as the yearbook advisor for 24 years. He has a degree in engineering from Lowell Technological Institute as well as a master's in education from Westfield State. Dave enjoys skiing and boating. He has been teaching for 31 years. Presenting Dave the award is Diana Chase. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Middle School Guidance News

by Thomas F. Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselor

The Middle School Guidance Office wishes to alert parents that the students are reaching the midpoint of the fourth and final marking period. Special reports for poor academic progress and other problems will be issued on or about May 20th.

Since the school year is nearing its end, the Guidance Office urges parents to monitor their child's progress carefully and to make sure all homework is completed and handed in on time. There is still time for most students to achieve success and be promoted to the next grade.

Parents are always welcome to call the Guidance Office to discuss any concerns they

may have. Mr. Dacey, the Middle School Guidance Counselor, can be reached at 789-1400, ext. 453.

The coed intramural softball program is currently underway at the Middle School. Competition is between homerooms at both the fifth and sixth grade levels. Games are held after school, and participants are allowed to ride home on the regular late buses.

Mrs. Leslie Martel is in charge of the sixth grade program, and Miss Traci Trudel supervises the fifth graders. The games will continue into June when playoffs will determine the championship team from each grade.

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DENNIS MARCHETTO (center), chairman of the Agawam UNICO Lick-A-Pop Campaign, presents a check to Francesca Frigo that was used to finance a field trip to Old Deerfield Village for her Special Education classes at the Middle School. Students in photo are Matt Francis, Henry Rosado, Ben Watson, Michael DiDonato, Amanda Tuohey, Tom Farrell, and Chad Cooper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Storyteller Lu Parchick At Childhood Ctr.



THE CHILDREN AT THE AGAWAM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER were treated with a visit from Lu Parchick, a storyteller who resides in Feeding Hills. Mrs. Parchick entertained the children with stories and songs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

19th Century Life At Storowton Camp

A unique opportunity to experience life as it was in a 19th century New England village awaits children at Storowton Village Museum's Early American Summer Day Camp, located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Two camp sessions, open to children ages seven through 12, will run from August 1st-5th and August 8th-12th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost of each session is \$110 per child, and the registration deadline is July 22nd.

Within the setting of an authentically reconstructed 19th century historic village and under the supervision of experienced staffers, children will try on a 19th century lifestyle and participate in challenging and fun hands-on activities, crafts and games throughout the week.

They will have the opportunity to make a scarecrow, work a blacksmith's forge, milk a cow, make cheese and butter and weave Indian baskets, just to name a few activities.

Each day of the week will introduce a certain theme and include related activities.

Monday: "Leave Today Day" - Children will begin recreating the roles of their Early American predecessors by donning Early American clothing, meeting new friends, and learning about 19th century Village life.

Tuesday: "Hand-made Day" - Campers will spend the day learning Early American crafts like candle dipping, tinsmithing and pottery making. Children will write on slates in the Village's Little Red Schoolhouse and visit the homes and workshops of Storowton's villagers.

Wednesday: "Dairy Day" - On Wednesday, children will pay a visit to the Gilbert Farmstead and learn about dairy products first-hand by milking a cow and churning butter. Wednesday's activities will also include making homemade herb muffins from scratch, beginning with grinding meal into flour, harvesting herbs from Aunt Helen's Herb Garden, and baking them in an open hearth. The children will also make apple cider with a cider press.

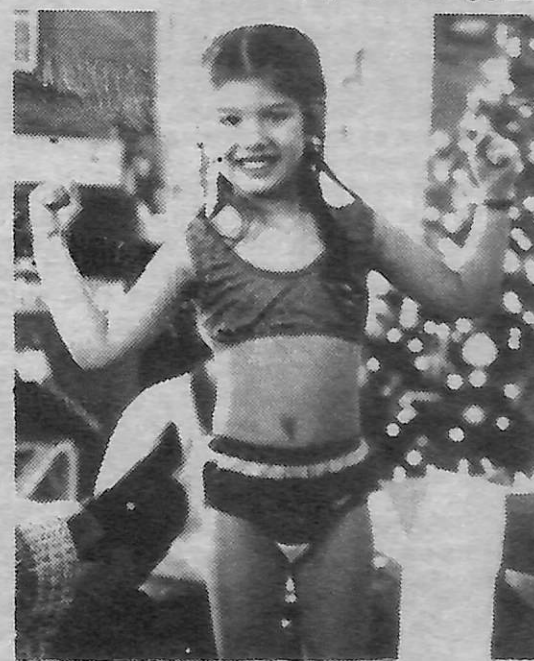
Thursday: "Wool Day" - Children will help shear sheep and learn how to card, spin, weave, and dye wool.

Friday: "Show-Off Day" - Campers get the chance to show off the knowledge they've gained as they take their parents on a tour of the Village and demonstrate the crafts and skills they have learned. They will also perform for their parents on the camp stage, located in the Museum Garden.

Other demonstrations and hands-on activities children will enjoy include writing with quill pens in the Village's law office, playing hoop and sack games on the Green, learning about the architecture of the buildings, storytelling, farming, and more.

Space is limited for both sessions, so register your child early. For more information about this unique opportunity, contact Dennis Picard at Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

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Two Agawam Teachers Nominated For Prestigious Awards

The Staff Appreciation Committee of Agawam High School is pleased to announce that Mrs. Judith Gallant Lech has been nominated for the Department of Education's Teacher of the Year Award for the 1994-1995 School Year.

Mrs. Lech has over 25 years of teaching experience in social studies, English, and Latin. She has also been extremely active within Agawam Education Association (AEA), Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA), and the National Education Association (NEA).

Mrs. Lech also represented the United States in an educational forum in Germany.

The Department of Education Teacher of the

Year Award program follows a system where only eligible teachers may apply. Mrs. Lech was qualified as a nominee and was eligible to apply. Congratulations and good luck to Mrs. Lech!

The Staff Appreciation Committee is pleased to announce that Mrs. Diane Chase has been nominated for the 1994 Sokolove Award. The Sokolove Personal Best Award program

will honor the selected teacher that has made the difference in the lives of students with special needs. Nominations will be accepted from Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Mrs. Chase was chosen for nomination because of her success in integrating students with special needs. This community is fortunate enough to have this caliber of teacher. Congratulations, Mrs. Chase!

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 23rd: Steamed frankfort in roll, mustard, relish, catsup, oven potato puffs, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, May 24th: Hamburg in roll, mustard, relish, catsup, steamed herbed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, applecrisp, milk.

Wednesday, May 25th: School-made meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, broccoli cuts, blueberry coffeecake, milk.

Thursday, May 26th: Super taco boat, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mild salsa sauce, niblet corn, chocolate brownie or mixed fruit cup, milk.

Friday, May 27th: Cup of grape juice, peanut butter and fluff sandwich, tossed garden salad with dressing, chocolate pudding, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: **The Agawam School Lunch.**)

AHS Art Students Spend Day Touring Boston Sites

Thirty-four high school art students from Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal's drawing and painting classes enjoyed a trip to Boston on Wednesday, May 4th.

They spent the morning at the John F. Kennedy Library. There they attended the showing of an introductory movie which depicted the highlights of the 35th president's life. They then toured the exhibits throughout the building.

These exhibits have been upgraded within the last seven months. More videos are now being shown on the various aspects of Kennedy's private life and political career. There are additional displays of family memorabilia, including a piece of the Berlin Wall.

After lunch on Huntington Avenue, the students toured the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Here they had a chance to view the professional painting and sculpture of the old masters and some modern works first-hand that they had studied during the year.

The trip ended with a guided tour of the Boston University School for the Arts, where students were able to see actual work in progress. Tuition at this institution is now \$20,000 a year. Chaperones for the trip were Mrs. Bernard Ryder, Mrs. Richard Smith, Mrs. Bert Abbey, Mrs. Melbourne, Mrs. Louise Muise, Mr. Ed Lynch, and Mrs. Schilling-Nordal.

Students on the trip included Melissa Almquist, Jason Aloise, James Antico, Joey Beauchemin, Laura Beauchemin, Amy Bessem, Marshall Brooks, Jan Brouwer, Justin Buiso, Jessica Crowley, John Eggleston, Jeremy Gagnon, John Kerr, Joann LaChance.

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Agawam Schools' "What's Happening?" (May 21st—May 27th)

* May 23rd - Monday:

Granger School - Grade 4 Field Trip, Boston Museum of Science.

Middle School - Assembly (Rms. 207, 208, 212, 213).

* May 24th - Tuesday:

Robinson Park School - Fourth Grade Field Day at High School.

Granger School
- Grade 3, Rm. 5 Field Trip to Storowton.

- Kindergarten Story Hour (incoming kindergarten students).

* May 25th - Wednesday:

Robinson Park School - Rain date for Fourth Grade Field Day.

Granger School - Grade 3, Rm. 2 Field Trip to Storowton.

Middle School - Heritage Hall Visitors (Rms. 203 and 204).

* May 26th - Thursday:

Robinson Park School - "Birds of Prey" Assembly for Grades 3 & 4.

* May 27th - Friday:

Middle School
- Field Trip to StageWest (Grade 6, Rms. 306, 304, 303).

- Field Trip to Mystic, CT Seaport (Rms. 203 & 204).



AHS STUDENTS
Mathew Felix, John O'Brien, Erin Pettazzoni, Jen Kennedy, Chris Benjamin, and Brian Colby are pictured with former theatre arts world champion David Rosinski. photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

AHS Students Dance Into Winner's Circle On Prom Night

Mathew Felix, John O'Brien, Erin Pettazzoni, Jen Kennedy, Chris Benjamin, and Brian Colby showed Agawam that beautiful dancing is fun and very popular as they danced into the winners' circle on Prom Night, April 20th.

David Rosinski, former World Champion in Theater Arts, was on hand to present the awards and judge the contest with Diane Saia of Longmeadow.

Fred Astaire Dance Studios of Springfield provided the support to the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, USABDA's youth dance programs in Massachusetts, by providing dance classes to all the senior Agawam High School students weeks before the prom. Prizes of dance lessons were awarded to the winners.

The dance program was initiated by the Agawam Physical Education Department and for the second year, it was a huge success.

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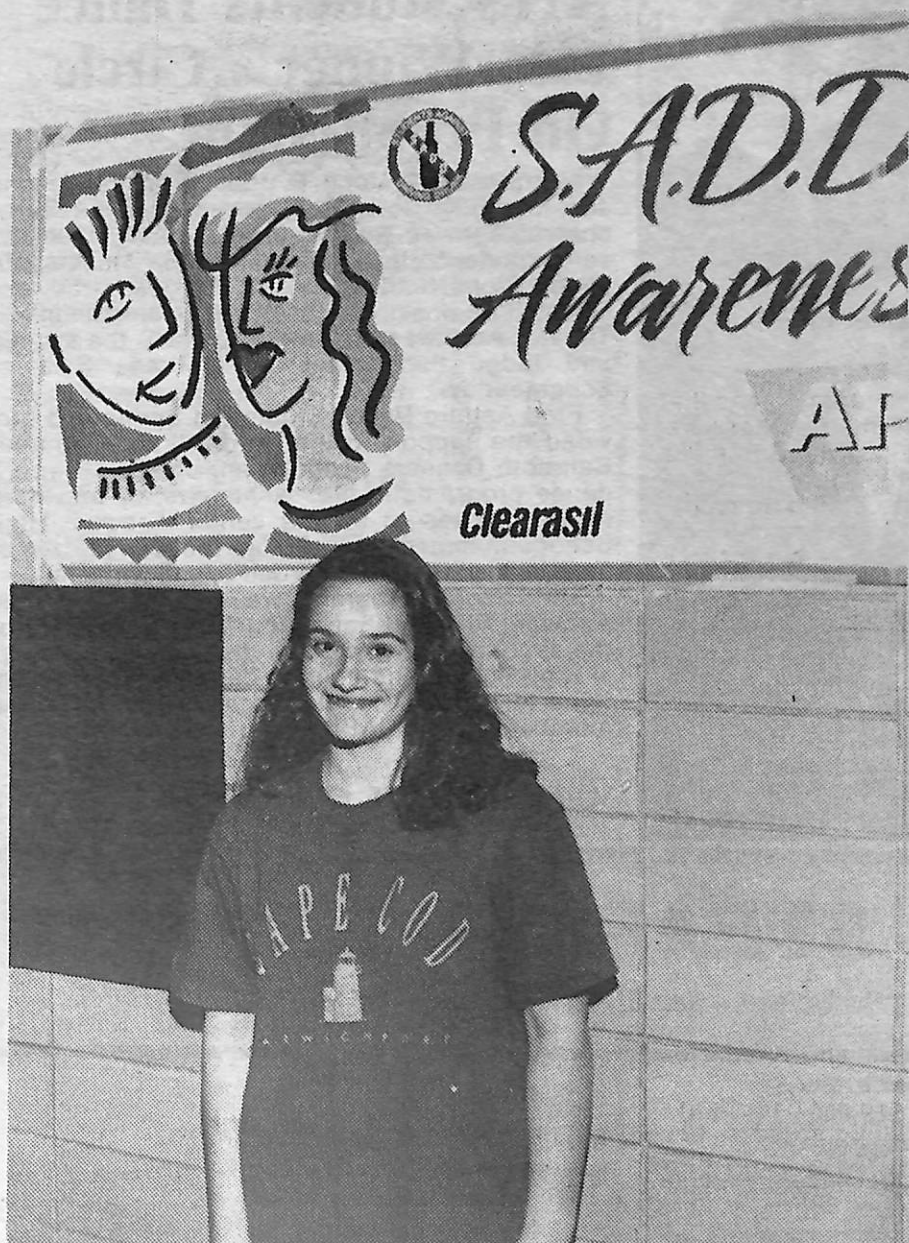
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AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR BECKY WHITE and members of the Agawam High School S.A.D.D. organization again remind members of the senior class that during this happy graduation season, drinking and driving can lead to a quick tragedy. Please remember the S.A.D.D. message of no drinking and driving. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Senior T-Shirts



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Lisa Savioli (left) and Deb Parslow were recently selling Class of 1994 t-shirts outside the school's cafeteria. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Crazy Hats At Middle School



CRAZY HAT DAY was recently held at the Agawam Middle School. From left - Barry Ward, Joe Truschelli, Danny Shaw, and John Bitgood. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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5th Annual AHS Superintendent's Symposium Continues Community Exchange Of Ideas

by Kathy Cassanelli
Advertiser News

The fifth Superintendent's Symposium at AHS on Thursday evening, May 12th, brought nearly 60 community members together to consider the issues facing educational institutions in the future as they attempt to meet the diverse needs of public school students.

As he has in the past, Agawam Attorney Richard Morassi gave the opening remarks and offered some insight into the initiation of the annual meeting in 1989.

Morassi said the symposium was originally proposed by the fledgling PTSO group as an experiment to bring the students and various segments of the community together to engage in a dialogue that would be beneficial to education at AHS.

The force behind the formation of the symposium, Morassi wanted to focus attention on the importance of academic ability and agility to the students at AHS. Morassi said the symposium creates a unique opportunity for students to have a dialogue with adults other than their parents.

Morassi said he conceived the idea for this year's topic after reading an article on education in a special edition of *Time Magazine* (devoted to what society could expect to face beyond the year 2000). Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder contacted *Time* and obtained copies of the special edition for all who attended the symposium.

Focusing on the topic, "Education: The year 2000 and Beyond," students joined their teachers, parents, community members, and school administrators in small discussion groups to discuss a series of questions drawn up by seniors Dana Adams, Matt Bellico, Jamie Lewis, and Mike Rose, who also prepared a video for the symposium.

Before beginning their discussions, the participants viewed the video prepared by the four students examining strategies for more effective education.

Narrated by Jamie Lewis and Dana Adams, the video was the culmination of a year-and-a-half of research by the four students and incorporated movie clips as well as original material written by the group.

Jamie said many of the group's ideas came from their research into the work of nationally-known education expert Willard Daggett, PhD., who finds that education is merely preparing students for the next grade level, rather than preparing them for their future.

Included in the video, an interview with AHS history teacher Joseph Zabielski criticized the "shopping mall" mentality of high schools that allow students to take "a little of this and a little of that."

Among the issues raised by the video were the need for more technological education, especially technological reading skills; a need for constant

curriculum update and evaluation; and the need for more stress on teaching students to think for themselves in cooperative efforts at problem solving in team situations.

Study Group Students Report Findings

At the end of the discussion period, students from each study group reported their group's findings to the gathering. Although most agreed that their group raised more questions than answers, most groups reported a perceived need to make the curriculum more responsive to the needs and interests of the students and to eliminate repetition in the material covered at each grade level.

Many of the students seemed to agree that the tech-ed students should have the opportunity to attend classes at AHS rather than at other locations, such as the educational collaborative.

The issue of lengthening the school day drew a mixed response. Some felt it was inevitable that in order for them to compete in the global economy, students would need more time in class. Others felt the elimination of study periods should be considered. One group reported concern that a longer school day would interfere with employment opportunities and the chance for students to earn the money necessary for their college education.

Earlier introduction of foreign language study and the early introduction of a course in study skills received support from many of the symposium members. Many students also expressed their feeling that students should have a hand in the evaluation of their teachers and should be allowed to choose their teachers.

While no one expected the evening to result in a "quick fix" for the problems facing students and their teachers, most agreed it was a worthwhile experience to raise the pertinent issues facing the education system and to exchange ideas.

Morassi said it was an invaluable experience for the students to engage in a free and open dialogue with parents, teachers, and administrators (without any expectations or goals beyond the exchange of viewpoints).

Ryder told *The AAN* about the symposium: "It was tremendous." He went on to praise the students who wrote the video and the discussion questions, and the students who joined in the symposium. "They were prepared and ready for the debate," Ryder said.

Serving as facilitators for the group discussions were AHS teachers Joanne Brown, Lynn Lit-chfield, Kathy Mouneimneh, Larry O'Brien, Melanie Poudrier, Margo Poulin, Rosemary Stratton, and Jim White.

Other School Department officials in attendance included Associate Superintendent Donald Charest and School Committee members Linda Galarneau and Louise David.



AGAWAM HIGH SENIORS who assisted in organizing the 5th Annual Superintendent's Symposium included, from left - Michael Rose, Dana Adams, Jamie Lewis, and Matthew Bellico. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fitness First To Hold Annual Summer Theme Camp

Fitness First in Feeding Hills will be holding four weeks of camp for children this summer with a special carnival theme. Children ages three to 12 (members and non-members) are welcome to sign up for either one, two, three, or all four weeks.

Fitness First's focus this year is on the carnival. To celebrate carnival, each child will participate in special carnival activities and receive a carnival keepsake to take home at the end of each week.

The camps will begin the week of July 11th and run through the week of August 1st.

Ages three to five: The "Wee Ones Carnival Kamp" will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday through Thursday, and will be geared more toward the age group that it encompasses; ages three to five (must be toilet-trained).

Ages six to 12: The "Sports Carnival Kamp" will last from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will encompass a wider range of sports and exercise.

To sign up for any of the Carnival Kamps, please call Fitness First at 786-1460 or stop by the club and fill out a registration form. Payment must be made by July 5th. Space is limited.

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TEACHER RECOGNITION - from Page 1...

The Result Of Brainstorming

According to Acting Agawam Chief Librarian Peter Wark, the event grew out of a brainstorming session of the Community Resources Committee to focus on what could be done to recognize teachers.

Wark credited AHS In-School Suspension Supervisor Bernadette Conte with putting the project together. "Bernadette gets all the credit—she did it all. We held a meeting to discuss the details, and she had already contacted UNICO and everyone else involved," Wark said.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder praised the event, saying, "It sets a positive tone that teachers are being recognized, and it allowed the teachers to get together as a teaching family." Ryder had words of praise for the organizers of the breakfast, noting it was well done and well thought out.

And, the teachers themselves agreed. AHS math teacher Beverly Pasternak told us, "This is great. Who do we thank?" AHS teacher Sandra Marona agreed with her colleague, adding, "It was beautiful."

James Clark teacher Nancy Swikalus added her approval: "It was very thoughtful and considerate."

Former Town Councilor Louis Russo, a member of the UNICO board of directors, said the civic organization "jumped at the chance to honor teachers who go above and beyond what's expected."

Russo said the club has long been involved in promoting education with its scholarship fund. "Education is one of the things close to UNICO's heart," Russo added. Along with Russo, the club was represented by Al D'Agostino, Louis Scherpa, Joe Conte Jr., Charlie Calabrese, Terry Letellier, Dante Mutti, and Ed Drisco.

Arriving at 5:30 a.m. to begin mixing pancake batter, cooking sausages, and perking coffee, the UNICO crew got an assist from AHS Principal Russell Furtado, who donned an apron and took up his position serving pancakes. "This is nothing new for me," Furtado commented. "I've done a lot of this in the Army."

That Army training came in handy after the meal as well. Furtado was last seen up to his elbows in soapy water helping the members of the Future Teachers Club (FTA) with kitchen clean-up.

FTA Advisor Miro Orefice said the group "went beyond the call of duty" with their work in decorating the cafeteria and with cleaning up after the breakfast. "We couldn't ask for a more cooperative group of girls," Orefice added.

Club member Maureen Briere said she thought the breakfast was a good idea. "Teachers don't get a lot of respect and they deserve a lot of credit."

UNICO Always Willing To Give Its Support

Russo said UNICO is always ready to put on their famous pancake breakfast in support of community activities. "When you boost the teachers' morale, the kids benefit as well," Russo said.

Russo noted that the funds raised by UNICO at its pancake breakfasts, Monte Carlo Night, and Annual Chicken Barbeque held in August, remain in town. "We help everybody. All the money we collect stays in Agawam helping the people of Agawam," Russo stated.

Besides acknowledging the support of UNICO in cooking and purchasing the pancake mix, sausages, and coffee, Mrs. Conte offered special thanks to the AHS Future Teachers Club and its advisors, Ralph Figy and Miro Orefice; the Agawam Junior Women's Club for the donation of utensils and paper goods; Senator Melconian and Representative Walsh, for the "Special Teacher" Pins; Dian Curran for secretarial support from her office at the School Department; H.P. Hood of Agawam for its donation of milk and juice; and the AHS graphic arts classes for the printing of the invitations.

PROCLAMATION

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National Teacher Day

I urge all citizens to observe this day by taking time to remember and honor those who give the gift of knowledge through teaching.

Signed this 6th day of May, 1994.
Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor

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MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS APPRECIATION WEEK COMMITTEE included, from left - Ann Bradford, Bernadette Conte, Ann Favreau, Sue Dempsey, Marge Greenough, Syliva Deliso, and Peter Wark. Advertiser News photo courtesy of Carla A. Lemnah-Warner.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON reads proclamation at a townwide Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at Agawam High. Looking on, from left - George Bitzas, Town Council vice-president; James Taylor, council president; Bernard F. Ryder, superintendent of schools; Russell Furtado, AHS principal, and Mayor Johnson. Advertiser News courtesy of Carla A. Lemnah-Warner.



THE PHELPS SCHOOL PTO held a Teacher Appreciation Lunch for the faculty earlier this month. IN TOP PHOTO pictured are PTO members Jan Zajdel, Ann Macey, Ellen Janik, and Ellen Davilli. IN PHOTO BELOW - Donna Rossi, Charlene Hermans, and Sue Dukeshire (back row). Front row - Jean Latif, Patricia Marsh, and Dee Lyman. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Phelps School Honors Its Teachers



PHELPS SCHOOL TEACHERS, from left - Sheryl Mardeusz, Beth Robinson, and Sue Velis enjoyed a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon courtesy of the school's PTO earlier this month. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Attending Townwide Teacher Breakfast...



PICTURED AT THE TOWNWIDE TEACHER APPRECIATION Breakfast at Agawam High are members of the Future Teachers of America. Back row, from left - Ralph Figy (advisor), State Senator Linda J. Melconian, and faculty member Miro Orefice. Front row are students Becky Dennis, Maureen Briere, Sharon Jacaparo, Nicole Boyer, Carlyn Pawlikowski, Wendy Clouse, and Ann Marie Bianca. **RELATED PHOTOS AND STORY ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photo courtesy of Carla A. Lemnah-Warner.



PART OF THE KITCHEN CREW who helped with the Townwide Teacher Appreciation Breakfast include Agawam UNICO members Terry Letellier and Dante Mutti; AHS Principal Russell Furtado, and UNICO member Louis Russo. Being served his meal is Guidance Department Chairman Paul Cavallo. Advertiser News photo courtesy of Carla A. Lemnah-Warner.



MEMBERS OF THE TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST COMMITTEE make preparations to decorate the school's cafeteria. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Guidance Report



by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Things You Should Know About Summer School Requirements

Our office is beginning to receive information about summer schools. Those students who have to make up courses due to failure are not allowed to attend summer school unless their failing average is at least a 55 or better. If their final average is below a 55, they must repeat the failed course during the next school year.

Since the school year is over on Thursday, June 23rd, it is important that students are aware of what subjects can be repeated in summer school. Report cards will be mailed home and school guidance staff will be gone for the summer.

It is our intent to notify students by Monday, June 26th, about courses that must be made up due to failure. If we are unable to reach the student, we will mail a letter to his/her parents discussing the academic problem and the prescribed course of action. We encourage parents to call our office if they have concerns regarding their child's academic problem.

There is still plenty of time for students to improve their grades—four full weeks of classes and a week of final exams.

A final examination grade constitutes 20% of the student's second semester average. Parents should encourage their children to seek extra help in those subjects in which they are experiencing academic difficulty.

A note about seniors—the last official day for seniors is Thursday, May 26th (make-up day for final examinations). On Friday, May 27th, counselors will receive the names of students who failed courses.

The counselors will determine which students will not graduate and inform the principal, who will (in turn) notify the student and the parent(s). Many parents have received letters from guidance counselors throughout the year about their child's progress.

At the end of the third marking period, the guidance staff mailed letters to every parent whose child could be in danger of not graduating. Our information was based on three marking periods.

Finally, I will have more information about summer schools in June and will publish the dates and scheduled courses for your information.



SMITH ROVELLI

Retirement Party Set For Smith Rovelli

A retirement party honoring Phelps School Principal Smith Rovelli is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th at Betty's Old Towne House in Agawam.

Social hour will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with dinner following at 7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes smorgasbord and dessert buffet, gift, as well as tax and gratuity.

For tickets, please call 562-8813. The deadline for tickets is Tuesday, May 31st.

AHS Theatre Students Show Their Teacher "Show Must Go On"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A group of Agawam High students in Margo Poulin's Theater II class recently had the chance to prove that while clichés may be worn out, tired, and corny, there may be some truth behind those familiar phrases—at least as far as theater traditions are concerned.

When a family emergency left Mrs. Poulin unable to attend the Massachusetts Council of Teachers of English Conference with her students as planned in March, the young thespians opted for the only possible solution—the show must go on.

With an obvious affection for her students and pride in their accomplishments, Mrs. Poulin said, "They have grown to such an extent they could do a presentation for English teachers all on their own. And they did a fantastic job!"

The workshop, "Theater as a Viable Class," was to have been given by Mrs. Poulin with the students performing skits, improvisations, and mime. Literally at the last minute, Mrs. Poulin was forced to withdraw, leaving the students on their own.

According to Mrs. Poulin, the students decided to make the presentation on their own. "Jamie Lewis (senior) actually became me; she gave all the background," Mrs. Poulin said.

As Jamie explained, the theater class revolves around the students with Mrs. Poulin as their advisor. By using student directors for this year's productions, Mrs. Poulin relies on her students to pull it all together.

"We decided that's what it's all about. By being there without her (Mrs. Poulin), we proved the whole success of the program," Jamie said.

Along with Jamie Lewis, the students participating in the conference were Rob Settembro, Andrew Clark, Tammy Leary, Karen Eaton, Mary-Lynn Scortino, Dan Viens, and Todd Crevier.

Evolution Of Theater At AHS

Over the years, the theater class at AHS has evolved from a half-year course on the history of the theater into two separate full-year courses, Theater I and Theater II.

Along the way, Mrs. Poulin gradually added elements of mime, improvisation, and movement which eventually led to the staging of productions. This year, Mrs. Poulin added the use of students as the directors of the plays as part of her constantly evolving program.

"I'd like to see it work into an after-school group doing heavy theater concepts, such as personal narrative (where the students create their own monologues based on their own feelings and experience)," Mrs. Poulin said. "Larry O'Brien (AHS English teacher) will work with his students, and I'll be working with mine on writing narratives on issues of concern to the students."

Already looking ahead to next year, Mrs. Poulin hopes to set up an outreach program with StageWest in Springfield that would ultimately lead to the students presenting their works on the theater's center stage.

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AGAWAM HIGH THEATRE STUDENTS, from left - Rob Settembro, Andrew Clark, Jamie Lewis, Tammy Leary, Karen Eaton, Mary-Lynn Scortino, Dan Viens, and Todd Crevier attended the Mass. Council of Teachers of English Conference to participate in the program "Theater as a Viable Class." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kindergarten Screening At Robinson Park



KINDERGARTEN SCREENING was recently held at Robinson Park School for incoming students in September '94. IN TOP PHOTO, parent Sally Outhuse chats with school Nurse Donna Markowski. IN PHOTO BELOW, screener Carol Orsatti and young Kaitlin Outhuse go over a portion of the screening process. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





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Sports



ROBERT HERSEY OF FEEDING HILLS

Robert Hersey Gets Prestigious Award From MSSADA

Feeding Hills resident Robert Hersey has received the Distinguished Service Award for District F at the recent 19th Annual Convention of the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association held in Hyannis.

Hersey, current president and co-founder of the Agawam Athletic Association, received the prestigious award for his many years of service in the community at the annual awards banquet. Hersey received a unanimous vote from 43 athletic directors in this area (District F).

The three-day conference brought athletic directors from secondary schools throughout the state together to exchange ideas on upcoming athletic issues, legislation affecting athletics, and to express comments and concerns relevant to the important position of athletic director for a public school system.

Hersey has been on the executive board of the Agawam Athletic Association for the past 25 years. He has been commissioner of the AAA's baseball, basketball, and softball (boys and girls) over the years, and has been a 10-year executive board member of the Suburban Basketball League (boys and girls).

Hersey has also coached in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association and Agawam Little League. He has had championship teams in 8-10, 10-12, 13-15 baseball; 8-10 and 10-12 basketball; and 10-13 football.

Also, he has guided AAA Suburban 5th and 6th grade and 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams to league championships. He has coached Agawam High varsity boys and girls in the Summer Basketball Program.

In all, Hersey has coached 27 championship teams for boys and girls. The AAA has named an annual scholarship in his honor.

Hersey told us about the award, "I was extremely gratified that the athletic directors in this area gave me this recognition. I wish to personally thank Agawam High Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney for her support."

Hersey resides with his wife, Dottie, on Pleasant Drive in Feeding Hills.

AHS Senior Yvonne Hodel Reaches Western Mass. Girls' Tennis Final

Agawam High School senior Yvonne Hodel became the first tennis player in the school's history to qualify for the championship match of the Western Mass. Tennis Tournament slated for Saturday, May 21st, at 1:00 p.m., at the tennis courts at West Springfield High School.

Hodel, an exchange student from Switzerland sponsored by American Intercultural Programs (AFS), won a total of four matches last weekend at picturesque Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley.

She entered the tournament with a 9-1 personal record (presstime) in team competition for the Agawam High girls' tennis team, earning her a second seed in the girls' Western Mass. Tournament. This was the first time an AHS tennis player, boy or girl, was seeded so high in the tournament.

After receiving a first-round bye on the opening day of competition last Saturday, Hodel easily won her first and second round matches.

In the quarterfinals on Sunday morning, Hodel defeated fifth seeded Dolly Mukherjee from Longmeadow High School in a tough match. She then faced Sara Hursh of Amherst, the tournament's number three seed, in the semi-finals.

Hursh, a senior who reached the Western Mass. finals as a junior in 1993, had lost to Hodel in mid-April, 7-6, 7-5 at the wind-blown AHS tennis courts in team competition.

Hursh is a stylish lefty who pounds the ball from both sides from the baseline, while Hodel, a righty, has wonderful footwork to combine with speed and good strokes from both wings. While Hodel strokes the ball with pace, she relied on deep and penetrating shots from both wings to keep the hard-hitting Hursh off balance.

In the end, Hodel again prevailed, 6-2, 6-3, although it was an excellent match with many long rallies from the baseline. Both players were tiring towards the end of the match, which is understandable considering it was their fourth over the two-day tournament.

Hodel entered the season never having played on hardcourts before. She plays strictly on clay courts in her native Switzerland. "It was an adjustment for me because I think I am a much better player on clay," Hodel said. "I was so tired after the match with Sara and was glad when it was over."

Hodel has the difficult task of facing number one seeded Amanda Rhee of Longmeadow in the finals this Saturday. Rhee breezed through all four of her matches over the weekend. She is the defending two-time Western Mass. champ and is the defending state champion as well. Rhee defeated Hodel, 6-1, 6-0 at her home courts of Longmeadow High School on May 11th. Rhee and her partner are ranked number one in amateur mixed doubles in New England.

"All I can do is try my best and see what happens. I am looking forward to playing her again," Hodel said.

Hodel is living with Pat & Karen Asta-Ferrero and family of Agawam. She arrived last August and will leave Agawam on July 7th. Hodel is an



AHS SENIOR YVONNE HODEL

honorary member of the school's National Honor Society and played field hockey in the fall.

The Brownies girls' tennis team, 7-3 at presstime in the Valley Wheel, also sent two doubles teams and another singles player to the tournament last weekend.

In doubles, seniors Alison Jean and Jen Touchette won their first round match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. After losing the first set, Jean and Touchette began playing better and continued to gain confidence throughout the match. By the third set, they had things well in command to defeat the tandem of Katie Lyons and Adrienne King of Lenox.

In the second round, Jean-Touchette were defeated by the Monument Mountain team of Erica Johnson and Renee Trombley, 7-5, 7-6. This one could have gone either way as the two AHS seniors battled and battled but couldn't take the second set tie-breaker to send the match into a third and deciding set.

The other doubles team of Lisa Savioli and Celeste Arraztoa (an AFS exchange student from Chile) won their first round match by default. In the second round, the Pittsfield team of Jennifer Walsh and Debbie Pellish defeated Savioli-Arraztoa, 6-4, 7-5, in another one of those matches which could have gone either way.

Joana Monteiro-Grillo, who plays second singles for the girls' team, participated in the tournament as an unseeded player. Monteiro-Grillo won her first round match by defeating the number one player for Central High School, then lost in the second round. Monteiro-Grillo is an AFS exchange student from Portugal.

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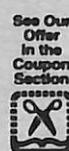
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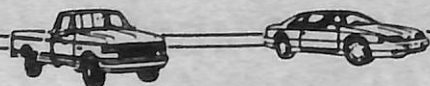
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“Gobbling Up” The Latest News In Turkey Hunting!

Kevin Manning of Feeding Hills took off by himself and ended up in Sandisfield looking for a turkey. On his first yelp of the turkey caller that Teddy Leal manufactures, a love-sick gobbler answered, dropped out of his tree, and made a bee-line for Kevin. He is now in the freezer resting for an occasion where he will be appreciated by gusto appetites.

Teddy Leal, meanwhile, had been having all kinds of tough luck trying to bag his gobbler. Well, he ended up in Sandisfield and called a gobbler to him with his caller from another mountain. He said it was strange when two hens appeared in front of him in answer to his calling on his yelper before the big tom came strutting in. The bird weighed 21 pounds and sported an eight-inch beard.

A week ago Friday (the rainy day), Bill Disto and I decided to hit Lake Buell for some trout fishing. I haven't fished the lake in a few years and was very surprised to find the pond loaded with weeds just under the surface so early in the season. The weather was very ominous with low-flying clouds and showers pelting us quite frequently.

We launched the boat and about 50 feet from the launch, I had a hard smash on the golden pheobe lure I was trolling. Having left the net home, I had to lift the monster over the side. It was a 16" brown trout.

Bill said, "Give it to me, I'll put it in the bucket. Don't throw it back in." In the meantime, while fighting the trout, the boat ended up in the weeds. Finally, on getting out of the weeds, I let out about 15 feet of leader and a large trout smashed the lure. This monster was a rainbow about the same size as the brown.

The weather was getting real nasty. Bill has two fish coming in and they slipped the hook. The third he boated and it went about nine inches. Bill looked into the bucket at the two swimming

around and released the trout to grow bigger.

The wind increased and the rain turned to hail and snow, so we called it quits for the day. Bill had the two trout for supper and raved about how delicious they were.

Last Wednesday with Angie Borgatti as the "bowman" and me holding the stern seat down and running the motor, we found ourselves on Lake Garfield in search of perch and bullheads. The wind was really gusty at times, and the jackets we had on were needed.

We trolled for trout for a time but to no avail, so we anchored in one of our favorite spots and started boating perch in the nine- to 10-inch class. I ended up with 20 perch and one bullhead about three pounds; Angie, as usual, ended up with more than 20 perch. (I figure the reason he [nine times out of 10] boats more than me is he is shorter than I am, so he is closer to the water and can pull them in faster than I can.)

While hauling the boat onto the trailer, a bass boat came in close and Stu Kibbe (former Agawam coach) and Mr. Murphy were ending up bass fishing—taking one bass and no trout. But, it didn't bother them on the amount of fish they caught (or didn't catch) ... just being able to be on the water was satisfying enough.

Believe me, I know just how they felt.

For you Ontario boys, I have received an update on the fishing in the Eastern Basin of Lake Ontario from Captain Bill VanWormer of the Lucky Dutchman Charters out of Feeder Creek Lodge, Pulaski, New York. Bill's update goes as follows:

"The browns are still shallow from eight-foot depths to 45 or 50 feet. They are still hitting bodybaits off the boards, and they are taking small spoons on the riggers run from five to 21 feet down, depending on the depth you are fishing. There are also steelhead being taken with the same setups in the deeper water—80- to 125-foot depths, depending on where the surface temperature breaks."

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TED LEAL SHOWS-OFF his 21-pound gobbler that sported an eight-inch beard.

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He continues, "The real news is that on Saturday, May 7th, I know of five good chinook salmon that were caught off of nine-mile point. They came from seven feet down to 40 feet on spoons and big Rapalas. The kings were in the 20-pound class; real nice fish for this early in the season."

I'm anxious to get to Lake Ontario as soon as the doctor gives me the "go ahead" signal.

For you salt-water fishermen, the reports are very good from Captain Brad Glas of the Hel-Cat out of 181 Thames Street, Groton, Connecticut.

Brad reports, "Being rained out on Mother's Day had no effect on the good feeling left from Saturday's trip. I am happy to say that it was the best fishing we've seen since early January. We had a mix of cod, blacks, and large pout. Most of the cod were green, meaning that they are migratory fish and are coming in from somewhere. Who cares where, as long as they keep on coming!"

Furthermore, he relates, "We caught cod at every place we stopped, including some shallower water that previously would not yield so much as a bite. This tells us that a very large area of the bottom is opening up to us that had previously been unproductive due to the cold water. There were rumors of a few mackerel being caught, too. All in all, it looks like things are finally turning around."

My grandson, Seth, is as anxious to get on the water as I am.

"When we going fishing, Gramps?" he asks, adding, "I want to go back to that pond where I can 'ketch' a fish every time I put the worm in the water."

I think I have spoiled him; I hope the next time is as productive.

S.H.A.A. Girls' Softball Standings

8-10	W	L	P
Valenti's	4	1	8
Kinsley Trucking	3	1	6
Polish Women's Club	1	3	2
Bousquet Builders	0	3	0

AAN Golf Tip Of The Week... The World's Greatest Golfers Share Their Keys To Mastering The Game

Compiled by Jim Modzelesky, PGA
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TURN, TURN, TURN

I've worked a lot with my friend and coach, Rick Smith, on simplifying my game so that when I'm under pressure I can visualize the shot I want to hit and then trust my instincts and muscle memory to allow me to hit it. I really believe that overthinking prevents me from playing my best golf.

The first thing Rick and I worked to develop is a good, consistent preshot routine. If you watch a good free-throw shooter in basketball, you'll notice that he does the same thing before every shot. He'll bounce the ball the same number of times, focus on the front rim, and then, when he's comfortable, he'll take his shot.

If you watch the best golfers, you'll see that they do the same thing, too. Jack Nicklaus is the perfect example of this, and if it's good enough for Jack, I guess it's good enough for the rest of us.

My key swing thought, especially when I'm under pressure, is to "turn, turn, turn." I concentrate on making as big a turn as I comfortably can on my backswing and then turning back through the hitting area. But the key is really the backswing, because if you don't turn back, you can't turn through and get the most out of your swing.

When I won at Doral, I kept reminding myself to swing with what I call "good speed." In other words, what I wanted to avoid was getting too fast, which usually causes me to end my backswing too soon.

If your last thought before you take the club away from the ball is one that will help you swing with a good tempo, I think you'll find you're in pretty good shape.

"Pedal For Health" At Stanley Park

The fourth annual "Pedal for Health" bike ride will be held on Saturday, June 11th at Stanley Park in Westfield. The event will benefit the Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital and the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts. It is co-sponsored by Health New England and KIX Country, 97.9.

Bruce Ruder, vice president of marketing for Health New England, said the event is not a race but a ride through the countryside. Riders can choose between 10-, 30-, or 60-mile routes, which will have rest stops.

Riders are encouraged to collect pledges for each mile they complete. Prizes will be awarded for various pledge levels, including a tandem bicycle, two styles of mountain bikes, wireless heart rate cycle computers, rooftop bike racks, and more.

Riders will receive commemorative T-shirts, and there will be a free picnic at Stanley Park for all participants at the conclusion of the ride. The registration fee is \$15 if paid before June 1st and \$20 on the day of the event, with a limit of \$50 per family.

Entry forms can be obtained by calling Health New England at 787-4000, the Children's Miracle Network, 784-4111, or the Lung Association at 737-3506.

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Agawam Little League Standings As Of 5/14

MAJOR LEAGUE	W	L
Agawam Police DARE Orioles	5	1
Mushy's Recreation Yankees	4	2
Rollaway Mets	4	2
Schlafer Chiropractic Indians	3	3
H.P. Hood's Giants	3	3
Valenti's Restaurant Red Sox	3	3
Bridgeport National Royals	2	4
Hastie Fence Athletics	2	4
Soda & Pet Food City Dodgers	1	5
Laureno Lumber Braves		

MINOR LEAGUE	W	L
Bolduc Screen Printing Yankees	4	0
V.F.W. No. 1632 Red Sox	4	0
Mercolino's Bakery Giants	3	1
Teddy Bear Pools Mets	3	1
Agawam Lions Club Dodgers	2	2
Green Thumb Landscaping Braves	1	2
Commercial Disposal Orioles	0	3
Italian Sporting Club Indians	0	4
Polish-American Club Royals	0	4

S.H.A.A. Girls' Softball Standings

10-13 LEAGUE	W	L
Casa di Lisa	8	
One Stop Redemption	6	
Bosquet Builders	4	
Agawam Lions	2	
Polish Club Bingo	2	
John's Trucking	0	

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Agawam Babe Ruth League Standings

13-15	W	L	T	P
Chris Auto Sales Padres	5	0	0	10
Bridgeport Nat. Bindery Yankees	4	2	0	8
Mike Walsh Braves	3	1	0	6
Corner Deli & Variety Indians	3	2	0	6
Red Sox	2	4	0	4
Grand Lumber Royals	2	3	0	4
Country Jeep Eagle Blue Jays	2	3	0	4
Microtest Orioles	1	3	0	2
Rockies	1	5	0	2

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Senior Golf League At Ag. Country Club

A senior golf league is being organized at the Agawam Country Club, 128 Southwick Street. All persons 60 years of age or older are welcome to participate.

The league will play matches every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. beginning on May 26th. It will be a nine-hole league.

There will be a \$10 entrance fee, which will include a season-end banquet and trophies. Green fees will be \$11.50 and will include a cart.

An organizational meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26th, prior to the first round.

Anyone interested can call Richard Mundo at the Senior Center, 786-0400, ext. 242, Roy Dunn at the Agawam Country Club, 786-5178, or Ray Charest at 786-3322.



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Sunoco Race Fuels is the official fuel of auto racing at Riverside Park Speedway. The winning Sunoco Fuel has powered the champions in all divisions at the successful quarter-mile track in Agawam, Massachusetts.

For the last five years, Sunoco has provided the sponsorship for two special events per season. This year, the Sunoco Race Fuels Special is five divisions strong; to commemorate the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, New England Race Fuels and Sunoco will present the "Sunoco Race Fuels Super Five Division Special" on Saturday, May 28th, at 6:00 p.m.

Bob Reguis has been a long-time supporter of the race program. Through his efforts with Sunoco (distributed by New England Race Fuels), this event will provide a \$2,000 bonus that will be distributed among the five divisions.

The NASCAR tour-type Modifieds are a major part of the program, and expected drivers in this division will include Marty Radewick, Chris Kopec, Dan Avery, Ed Kennedy, and Stan Greger ... with surprise visits expected by Steve Park, Reggie Ruggiero, and Jeff Fuller.

This evening of racing will also mark the second appearance of the Pro Four Modified division. Renee Dupuis, Joe LeMay, Dan Meservey, and Ron D'Alessandro will be just some of the drivers who'll provide tough competition in their high-powered, four-cylinder, open-wheel Modifieds. This division will run a 25-lap feature.

Pro Stocks are also "hot" at Riverside, thanks to Dave Carusso, Ed and Eddy Carroll, John Lobo, and Rick Turcotte. And, the Late Models at Riverside are guaranteed to put on a great program, with Chuck Docherty, Doug Dell, Gary Fiorimonti, and Barry Gray holding off a pack of heavy hitters. The speedway's advanced Strictly Stock division is already providing some great races and future champions this season, and these drivers will surely be prepared to race on this evening.

The Saturday, May 28th Memorial Weekend special by Sunoco Race Fuels is guaranteed to be a winner with five divisions of premiere NASCAR racing. The pit area opens at 11:00 a.m., and warm-ups will begin at 1:00 p.m. (followed by heat races for the Strictly Stocks and Pro Four Modifieds).

The price of admission is \$14.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 and under; meanwhile, the pit fee is \$15. For more information, call (413) 786-9300.

June Is For The Fans At Riverside Speedway

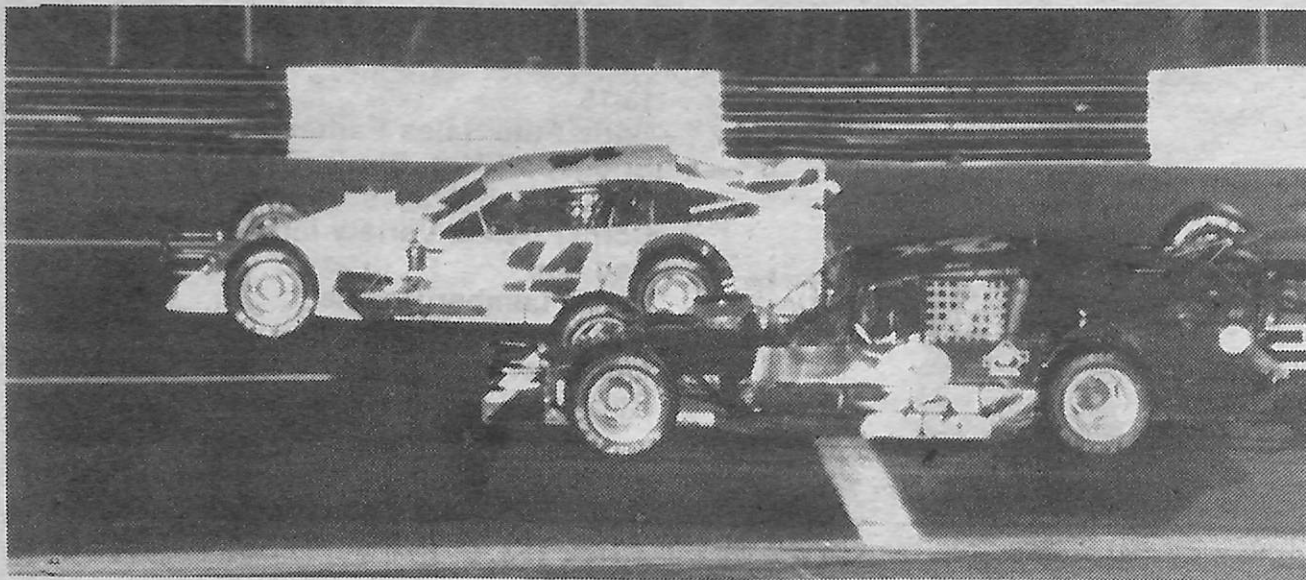
Race drivers might not agree on what is going on at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, Massachusetts. Still, all the drivers at the quarter-mile facility do agree on one very important thing—June is "Fan Appreciation Month" at Riverside!

For the race fans, it's a month-long chance to actually meet and greet the drivers and the race teams firsthand, as well as win cash prizes. The fact is, "Fan Appreciation Month" will offer over \$5,000 in free bonus giveaways and hundreds of dollars in cash. Kids from three years of age to adults over 75 are welcome, and several different age groups allow everyone to compete at the same level.

Drivers like Reggie Ruggiero, Tom Jensen, Dan Avery, Chris Kopec, Stan Greger, Tom Crevenho, and Bobby Gee are all family men, and they are the first to admit that they enjoy this month-long event more than the kids themselves. Modified drivers are all excited over this year's coloring contest because it features a Modified drawing to color. The grand prize winner will receive \$100 in each class and a giant trophy. Besides this, each will receive a special gift on the night of the drawing winner announcement.

Riverside's biggest fan program is the popular "Kids' Big Wheel" and electric car races. Comprising several different age groups and classes, the "Big Wheel" kids actually race on the race track in fixed age groups for cash, \$100 bonds, giant trophies, and every kid that races will receive a stuffed animal, a prize ribbon, and more. The same type of prizes are offered for the electric car races. All children must have their own cars or Big Wheels, and the race will be held on Saturday, June 18th. There is no special entry—the only requirement is that everyone (kids and adults alike) must have a race ticket.

Another contest during "Fan Appreciation Month" will be the "Banner Contest." To enter, just make a race banner that features a theme related to Riverside Speedway and display it on June 4th, 11th, and 18th; then, on June 25th, the banners will be judged by the fans trackside. The winner of this contest will receive a cash prize of \$100 and a trophy.



POPULAR RIVERSIDE MODIFIED racer Stan Greger drives to the inside during a recent Saturday night race.

Enduro-Racing Coming Back On May 29th

It was the brainchild of Riverside Park Speedway's management to come up with a form of family entertainment to highlight the existing race program at the track. For years, Riverside has been the host of the most noted and successful quarter-mile Saturday night NASCAR program in New England.

In the past, highlighting these events have been several Sunday evening specials such as Demolition Derbies. These events have been witnessed by standing-room-only crowds and are a favorite with all New England thrill-seekers.

Now, Riverside Park Speedway will take the Sunday thrills format into another dimension—endurance racing is back at Riverside Park, with the being held on May 29th, 1994. It will also include real racing with the Strictly Stock division, the Pro 4 Modifieds, and the Super Stocks.

The first event will again be called the "Marathon Madness Enduro 100" and will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 29th, in the Riverside stadium. It will feature four qualifying heats of 50 cars or more. These cars will be stock-street cars with no modifications except for those in the interest of safety (roll bars are required; no station wagons allowed).

Each qualifying event will be run on the Riverside road course. The distance of each heat race will be 25 laps, with the top 15 cars moving into the main event. The next trick in the program (thanks to the officials) will be the main event of 100 laps on the oval, and it will be run either clockwise or counter-clockwise.

This will be the wildest event ever, and the only

time the race will be stopped will be during an emergency situation. The winner of the event will receive \$500, plus additional cash for second, third, etc. All heat races will pay \$50 to win and trophy. The event will be run rain or shine.

You must pre-enter this event, as the race is offered to the first 200 pre-entered, prepaid drivers. Riverside already has over 150 cars pre-entered, so don't delay. To pre-enter, you must write to Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001. Entry is based on a first come, first serve basis. Fee is \$10. Admission is \$9.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 years of age and under.

Besides the Marathon Enduro, there will be the first Sunday Strictly Stock race, the Legend cars, Pro 4 Modifieds, Mini Stocks, and Super Stocks; the new division is one step up from the Enduro class. With a lot of popular Enduro drivers making the move up, competitors must qualify at 4:00 p.m. for the 6:00 p.m. start.

Back by popular demand will be the amateur monster 4x4 truck contest. This event will pay \$100 to win as well as a giant trophy. This is for any street-driven, 4x4 vehicle. You must drive over two crushed cars and race against the clock to win (damage to the vehicle is assumed, with risk to owner). You must enter in advance, and the entry fee is \$10. Last year, 20 trucks took on the monster course in record time, so don't miss it!

Remember, all of this racing action begins at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 29th. Everyone is welcome—no race day entry will be turned away!

Avery Winner Of May 14th Event

Saturday, May 14th marked the eighth event in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series at Riverside Park Speedway. The big news going into this event was the talk of the first repeat winner in the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds. **Dan Avery** took that honor in the first event in the \$12,000 NAPA Auto Parts Championship Series. A crowd of 5,619 witnessed the action-packed, caution-filled event (which was co-sponsored by John Haymond Law Offices).

Wade Cole led the first four laps from the pole as Avery came from sixth. A caution on lap two took out early contender Bruce Dell and Stan Greger (Greger went to the pit going in the wrong direction and was penalized by NASCAR one lap). Then, just two laps later, Brian Schofield and Jake Morosz created the next caution with Rich Savary.

At this point in the event, Reggie Ruggiero, Chris Kopec, and Brian Miller had a heated battle and changed positions lap after lap. With this was going on, Greger was coming to the front, attempting to make up his lap. Other dropouts included Bobby Gee and Doug Meservey (both of whom tangled at turn four).

The closing laps saw the mighty three of Avery, Ruggiero, and Kopec dice it up with the "lap down" Greger. Still, Avery motored away from the field to become the first repeat winner.

Second went to Ruggiero (John Haymond Law Offices), third was Kopec (Mutual Ford), fourth was Schofield (who made a great comeback), and fifth was early frontrunner Brian Miller (Tony's Auto). Sixth through 10th were Ed Spiers, Steve Park, Dunk Rudolph, Carl Erickson, and Jim Dolan.

Avery was quick to give credit to his crew and sponsors: "Last week, we really thought that we lost our shot at the title. This second victory now puts me back in the hunt with the Porter/Chester Ins. car."

Dave Carusso pulled off a three-wide outside move to take the lead in the Pro Stock feature.

Dan Grasso led at the start, and Dave Salzarulo set the pace for the next 14 laps. On lap 18, Carusso's bold move put him up front. Tom Carey, Jr. ran up front throughout the event, and John Lobo came from the back.

At the checker, it was Carusso followed by Carey (Joe Bean Auto Body), Lobo (Wagner Rug), Salzarulo, and Tom Fearn (Pot Belly Pub). Rounding out the top 10 were Jeff Horn, Bill Lauridsen, Dave Berube, Ed Carroll, and Lou Prior.

In the NAPA Auto Parts Late Models, Fred Alkas led the first lap and then tangled as Chris Wenzal took the lead. For the next 15 laps, it was a three-wide bid for the lead.

Down through the infield, it was **Gee Perry** who took over the number-one spot. The closing lap battle saw Perry win his third race, as Gary Fiorimonti finished second. Rounding out the top five were Ted Chalmers (who came from last), Tom Keller, and Marty Leary.

Sixth through 10th were Rocco Mazziotto, Fred LaForge, Wayne Coury, Gene McClain, and Joe Czarnecki.

Paul Southworth led the start of the Strictly Stock feature. By lap number eight, it was **Ken Marques** who was leading; two laps later, Roy Houle set the pace and moved away.

However, it wasn't long until Marques muddled back to the front and held on to the checker in the NAPA Auto Parts Car. Second was Houle, followed by Chuck Alessio, Roger Fujimoto, and Rob Valerio. Sixth through 10th were Joe Arena, Paul Southwick, Joe Kokoska, Bill Reiman, and Skip Breunig.

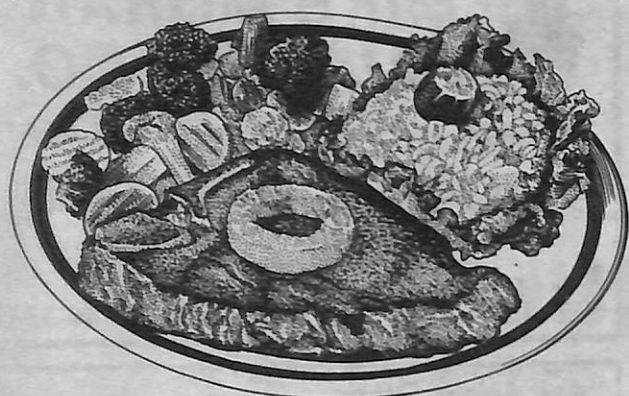
This Saturday, May 21st, it's another four-division special for just \$10.99 (adult admission) featuring the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks. The action will start at 6:00 p.m.



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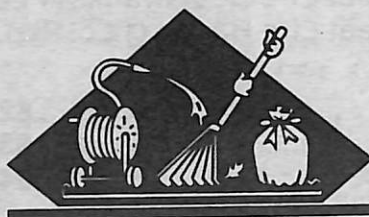
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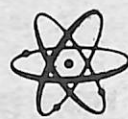
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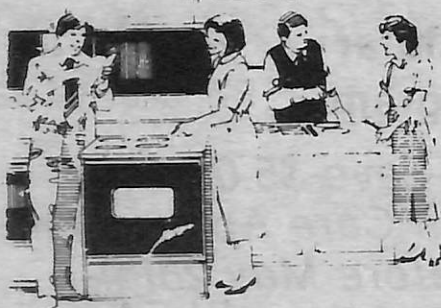


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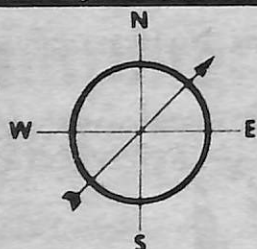
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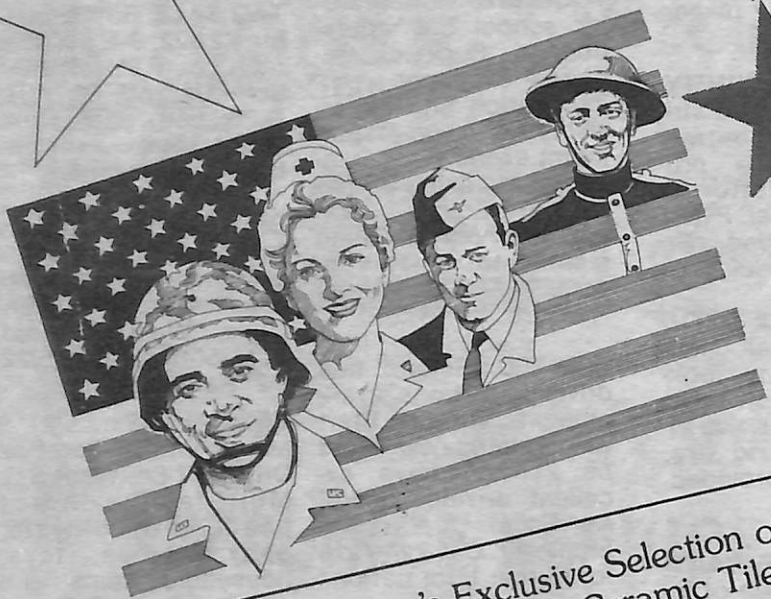
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